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**Cheerleader Ryan Fassel attempts to get the crowd on its feet as he waves the Merrillville flag. Waving the flag, serving as lifters for stunts, and cheering into a megaphone were the roles of the male cheerleaders.**

**SURPRISES** came from all directions. The school year started with a **SURPRISE** when the Class of 2,000 spent a week in the fieldhouse taking the ISTEP+ test which was required for graduation for the first time. Testing had always taken place in homeroom in March before.

We also learned to be on time because we didn't start the day with homeroom.

Then came the **SURPRISE** announcement, Principal Forrest "Dusty" Rhode wouldn't be back to tell us that "we deserve it" next year.

As the second semester reached full swing, administrators decided to **SURPRISE** the student body with a canine

drug search in the parking lot. No drugs were found.

In March, the coldest **SURPRISE** kept us out of school for a week. Many people lost their heat, phone, and electric for days, and some had to use MHS for a warming center. Eventually the power came back on and the streets were plowed, so we went back to school. However, it was no **SURPRISE** when the state Department of Education said we had to make up four of the days in June.

No matter how many **SURPRISES** popped up, everyone handled them with dignity. That was who we were.

by Cathy Snelson







# a **SURPRISE** in every **DIRECTION**

Broadcast journalism students got a **SURPRISE** when their long time teacher, Steve De Villez, left at Thanksgiving to take a job in his hometown of Evansville. Here, students work the radio station at lunch.

Many different types of **SURPRISES** came about during the past year. For some it was being accepted into the college of their choice. For others it was finding out that they actually had passed their hardest class. Or, maybe it was getting to know new friends and meeting new teachers. Any way you looked at it, you were hit with a **SURPRISE** from every direction.

Another **SURPRISE** was the addition of a long promised internet class. Sometimes both teachers and students were **SURPRISED** when the system went down, but as time passed students were asked

to bring study materials less frequently.

Starting the day without daily homeroom caught some students by **SURPRISE**. A few students lost their first period class. However, most of us quietly served our detentions and learned to get to class on time.

We also had a number of surprising name changes as Miss Given became Mrs. Gillespie, Miss Precourt became Mrs. Raftery and Miss Oates became Mrs. Lewandowski.

No matter who the person was, they all encountered **SURPRISES**

by Cathy Snelson

# SURFIN' THE WEB



ravel the information highway. Many students had

high expectations for the new Internet class, but some didn't know what to expect. Students took the class, taught by business teachers Andy Niksich and Bernadine Putz, for advancement in computer technology, college, or just because it sounded like fun.

Kate O'Sullivan, '98, commented, "I took this class because it gave me a chance to learn how to use the Internet. Then in college I will have somewhat of an idea how to use it and will be able to save time."

On the other hand, Marco Pagan, '98, said, "I took this class in order to be prepared for the future which will be computerized." He added, "You now have the ability to order stuff through a computer."

Students started out with something simple, Windows '95, and then moved on to the Internet. The students used Yahoo, which is a simple search engine, allowing them to find their information a lot easier. Rose Castillo, '98, said she took the class "to get more familiarized with Windows '95 and how the internet actually works."

Erin Roth, '98, explained, "I will know how to use the Internet not only for fun, but for educational purposes as well."

A typical day in the Internet class included surfing the net to find information in web sites that students needed to complete handouts they were assigned.

Roth continued, "As students look up sites for numerous answers, they often learn more than is required. Also, they are often linked to other sites, so in reality, students get to view the world."

Students found their information on web sites, a page with information on different topics, and chose the links that would lead them to the information they needed.

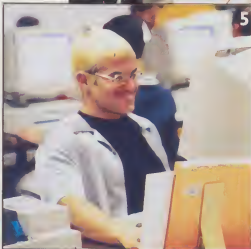
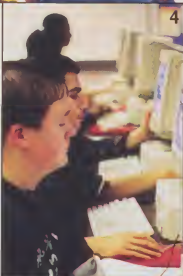
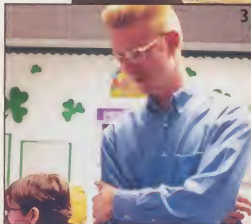
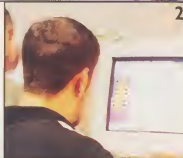
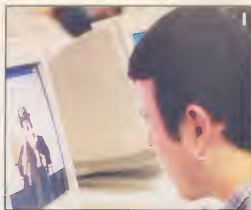
Every site had a rating. Because students are in school, they were not allowed to enter the "bad-rated" sites. If found going into unapproved sites, the person was kicked out of the class.

Niksich explained, "I feel the Internet class is very beneficial to students. It's a great way for students to get in touch with the technology-oriented world we're coming to."

However, sometimes the system shut down and left the students with free time to play games on the computer or do their homework.

by Snezana Obetkovski

**1** In addition to providing information, students also find colorful pictures on the Internet. **2** Students prepare to log on to the Internet to complete the day's assignment. **3** Teacher Andy Niksich peers over a student's shoulder and to give advice on the using the Internet. **4** Danny Spalaras glances at a neighboring student's monitor to see how he is progressing. **5** Freddie Buck finds the Internet amusingly entertaining. **6** Students learn to use the different search engines to find information provided by the Internet.









# ACTING LIFE



How many classes could you take and not act like yourself?

Dramatic Literature was a popular English class in which students learned the basics of drama, practiced their acting skills and read different types of plays.

Students chose this class for a variety of reasons ranging from getting an easy English credit to thinking it would be fun. Yet, this class was a great way to learn about different types of drama.

Beverly Seaver, the dramatic society sponsor, taught the class on the small stage. "Most of the kids who do take it for an easy credit find that it takes a lot of work," Seaver said with a smile.

The class covered everything from ancient Greek, Shakespeare, and contemporary plays. It also covered mime, stage makeup, stage direction, acting (monologues, duos, and groups), the history of theatre, and the structure of drama. Learning about these different types of dramatic literature broadened one's knowledge.

Students were also able to build a character and let their character evolve. The big event for the year was the Shakespeare Festival presented by members of the class to celebrate Shakespeare's birthday. Other classes were invited to the Little Theater to see the model of the Globe Theatre, to watch scenes being performed, and to enjoy the other exhibits. Some students wore authentic dress for the period.

Many students took this class with some intent to follow the in same footsteps at college. This gave them a little taste of what it would be like if one decided to choose this major later on.

Students were encouraged to tryout for plays. Many students began their acting career in this class. Some students were amazed that this was something that they actually enjoy.

Being able to help others out and helping them realize their talents was a great way to end each day.

Seaver was known to give out extra credit to help those needing a little boost. "Helping my students out is part of my job," said Seaver.

1 Elaine Castro and Mashelle Kienzl sit and study their lines for their scene. 2 Michelle Chandler reads over the next scene. 3 Student teacher Beth Kowalski explains the story to the class. 4 spends time reading and understanding her book. 5 A student intensely reads his book for his class. 6 Michelle Chandler and Tom Crane sit quietly while completing a reading assignment.

# APPLYING LIFE



While most students wonder if there was a meaning to a math course, others gasped at the whole idea in math itself. It must have been those square roots, or perhaps even those never ending equations that students dreaded.

Whatever the case, students who were enrolled in a math class, felt that there was no use for all those problems.

However, Applied Math was not your average math class. Every problem had a purpose, and for every purpose there was a reason.

On the other hand, Applied Math was a very difficult math course. This particular math course was an excellent opportunity for any student entering a professional trade.

Students who understood the whole concept behind this course, will be given the chance to apply what they learned later on in life.

The Applied Math program consisted of only two math teachers, Al Branda and Kathy Peters. Branda commented, "Applied Math is the most worth while class." Math wise that was!

He enjoyed teaching this course, because he was sure that a good portion of his students would benefit from it.

Peters added, "Applied Math is the first math class that I've taught that has real applicable problems."

Even though the Applied Math program consisted of a small number of students, an expansion is taking place. The program will soon be required and offered to more students. The program's name will also change to Math Topics.

The next time you sit in a math class staring at the ceiling wondering why you signed up for the course, remember that the Applied Math program was a fun and exciting way to turn math into reality.

by Dede Makarounas

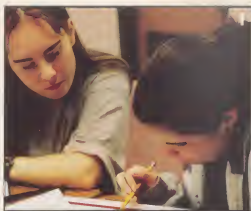
1 Jeanette West and Jill Wilusz try to solve a puzzle. Sometimes working together gets better

results. 2 Mike Simunjak and Jason Mearna work together on solving a problem. 3 Steve Yettese

and Quiana Bennett work hard finishing their graphs. 4 Joe Torres shoots baskets for a project in

his Applied Math class project on probability. 5 Kevin Strelher works hard on trying to finish his

homework. 6 Math teacher Al Branda demonstrates using the ruler to Rose Castillo and Petko Naumoski.









# DIVING IN



and dove into a whole new world. MHS gave these students a chance to view the deep blue sea with their Marine Biology class.

The students who were interested in the study of life in freshwater and salt-water found that Marine Biology was the class for them. It provided an opportunity for these students to study the natural environment of the ocean.

Students enrolling in the class had to fulfill certain requirements to be accepted. They needed one year of science, but they needed a C or higher. Then they also had to get two letters of recommendation from MHS teachers.

The everyday class was no different than any other class at MHS. They discussed scientific principles as they applied to aquatic or marine ecosystems. They did labs and took a field trip to the Shedd Aquarium.

The students had to go through three different phases. The first phase was the initial introduction where they had to learn how to scuba. This phase took place in March with classes being held in the MHS pool. The second phase was the summer classroom that went from June 30 to July 21. Then the final phase was a trip to the Marine Research Institute in Key Largo, Florida.

The fee for the entire trip was \$1,100. This included their air fare and the cost of their hotel. Some even chose to bring along some spending money. Some students even had to get a job to pay for this trip.

The course was open to 12 first level students and 12 second level students. Therefore, the group that made the trek to Florida was a combination of first and second level students.

The second level students did more diving in their marine research phase. They also did a night dive.

If you were interested in learning about the ocean, the marine biology class was the place. As biology teacher Jeff Yelton said, "This is a tremendous opportunity for the students to study science in the 'real world.'"

by Maryanne Mitrevski

1 A marine biology student learns to dive in the MHS pool. This is the first stage of the class. 2

Jamie Modrak enjoys the summer day on the boat ride to the dive site. 3 The students take underwater pictures of the colorful fish swimming around the coral. 4 Jamie Modrak, Missy St.

Clair, Tina Shukutis, and Jamie Simpson enjoy the sun. 5 Students learned a greater appreciation of the creatures found in the ocean from their dives. 6 The group takes time to pose for a picture before heading home from Florida.

# TELEVISION TIME



are you getting sick of those *Simpson's* reruns? Why not watch *Pirate News*, *Network Weekend Report*, the show done by the Broadcast Journalism class, on cable access channel 16 on Friday at 5:30 p.m.?

Broadcast Journalism was a class made up of 10 beginning and five advanced students learning about telecommunications. The class wrote stories and produced shows for the Merrillville community.

To be accepted for this class students needed to fill out an application and to have a grade point average of 2.0.

The difference between Broadcast Journalism and an English class was lectures only lasted during the first month. After that the assignments were given out and finishing the stories became routine.

Broadcast students also traveled to elementary and middle schools to tape plays, concerts, or special visitors for the show.

The difference between first and second year students was reflected in the jobs the students were capable of doing. All students wrote stories; however, the beginning class taped the show while the advanced class edited the show using the A/B Roll, also known as the Video Toaster.

Broadcast student Eric Pinnell explained why he took the class, "I'm highly interested in the field of television because I like the production work."

After the first nine weeks, teacher Steve De Villez left to take another job in Evansville. Taking his place was Chris Locken, a veteran of 13 years working in radio and television. He hoped to keep the class the same and take it into the future. Locken remarked, "It is a great opportunity for Broadcast Journalism students to learn about television. I would have enjoyed a class like this when I was in high school."

Many students took this class because of experience for future careers. "It is a definite plus for college resumes and for future job references," answered Angela Pavlish, '99. She planned on going on into the field of telecommunications. Diana S. Pena, '98, commented, "I took the class because I like working with technical stuff." She planned on being a backstage technical manager.

This class seemed simple, but it involved hard work. But before deciding this class is too hard, remember students did have a lot of fun.

by Lisa Fesko

1 Dave Mesarch helps edit PNN Weekend Report after the show's taping. 2 Eric Pinnell gives instructions to the anchors during the taping of the show. 3 Diana Pena works as a camera operator for one of the shows. 4 Leslie Malerich reads the script for sports off the teleprompter in the PNN Locker Room. 5 Grace Escamilla and Anne Wojtowicz relax after anchoring. Anchors sit under the bright lights for a long time. 6 Joe Francis edits his assigned package for the show.









# CREATING SOUND



At MHS there were not only classes where students sang, but they also made their own music in the synthesizer lab.

A synthesizer was a keyboard mixed in with an interface, drum machine, mixer, and a computer. All of the software was run on Macintosh computers. This class taught students how to write music, and they used the synthesizer to perform.

Choir director Roger Emig taught this class. He said, "Merrillville students are very lucky. Most high schools do not have the opportunity or the equipment."

Besides teaching the class, Emig also used the synthesizer to mix accompaniment tapes for the cheerleaders, poms, and gymnastics squads.

The lab has been around for four years replacing the music theory class. The classroom had eighteen stations; therefore, each class could have up to eighteen students.

Some activities that the students did in class were playing pieces in front of the class and programming or mixing their own music. They also learned how to use a drum machine, and put drum patterns together.

The synthesizer class lasted a whole year and to most students, it was worth the time. Kim Lux, '99, replied, "You need both semesters because there is so much to learn about reading music and theory. All the technology that we work with is new, and we have never learned about it before." Many students learned information about music that they never knew existed.

For many students it was the only music class left to take. Also, for those students planning to take music in college, theory is a prerequisite.

Overall, students gave the class a positive review. Shawn McCarty '98, said, "Yes, the class is hard if you have no idea what's going on, but if you have musical experience it is a little easier." Whether a student had no musical experience or was a professional musician, synthesizer lab was a class they enjoyed.

by Mandy Sovich

1 Jason Pearman tries out a few different sounds on his keyboard. 2 Alex Jovanovich plays a solo for students in his synthesizer class. 3 One of choir teacher Roger Emig's students finishes his project on the computer. 4 MHS synthesizer students sit quietly and listen to their masterpieces as they wait for the next instructions from Emig. 5 Tim Seibal perfects one of his songs before he performs for his final grade. 6 One of the more experienced musicians, Kim Lux, works to complete a drum pattern on the computer. For Lux this is one of the only music classes left to take.

# RUNNING LATE

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reat, I'm late! Now what? If I keep sleeping in, I'm going to fail my first hour class. Why did they ever get rid of homeroom?!”

This became an all too common thought process for most students. With the elimination of homeroom, most students found it necessary to give up those extra minutes of sleep in the morning. “It's not fair. Now we don't have time to wake up in the morning. They should have let things be,” said Melissa Wilson, '99.

In previous years if you were late to homeroom no action was really taken. You were given a tardy, and after accumulating so many tardies, the worst punishment was an after school detention. Without a homeroom, students were now considered late for first hour, which put the tardy policy into effect.

Students were allowed up to four tardies, a fifth tardy resulted in immediate withdrawal from class with an F. It was expected that many students would be removed from their first hour because of oversleeping. “For most of the students it was difficult to arrive on time, but as the year progressed students were able to adjust to the new schedule. It just took a little effort,” commented guidance counselor Terri Deeb.

No homeroom was not exactly true. Throughout the year homerooms were scheduled for such reasons as progress reports and required reading. These homerooms were twenty minutes long and took place after second hour.

“The reading days were created in order to enforce education. Reading is an activity that is positive, worthwhile, and educationally sound,” explained Principal Forrest Rhode.

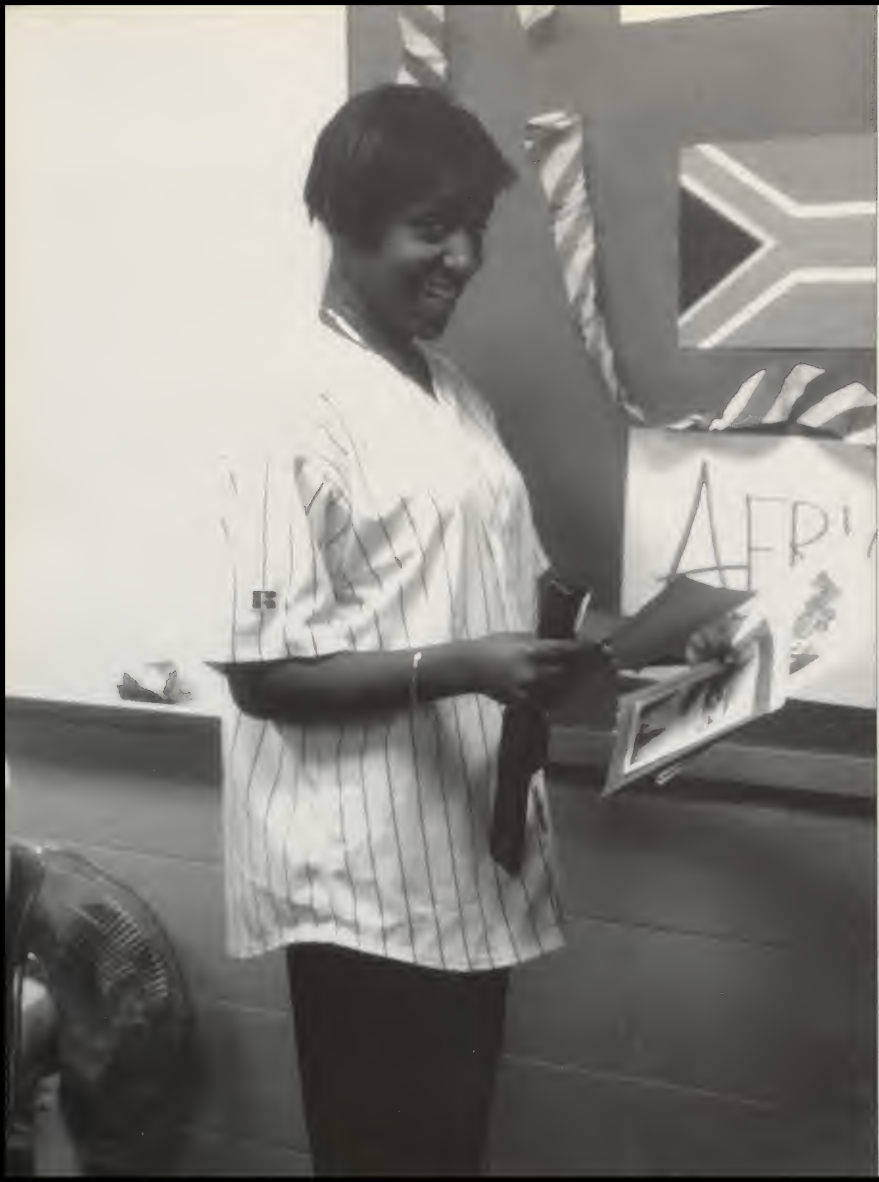
The new homeroom policy took some time to adjust to, but it proved to be successful. Most students even enjoyed the early dismissal at 2:54 P.M., instead of 3:00 P.M. as it had been in previous years. Carrie Hoover, '00, said, “It's cool because now I can get home in time to watch cartoons.”

by Michelle Westerfield

1 Jeremy Vasaitis and Aaron Guice rush from the parking lot directly to first period. 2 Students sit around by the Arena and wait for the warning bell before heading to class. 3 It's only 7:18. This student realizes that he has plenty of time to get to class before the 7:35 bell. Although some students lost credit in their first period class because of tardies; most students made the adjustment to no homeroom. 4 Coach Mark Rosenbalm and Assistant Principal Jan Minor have duty in the front lobby before school. 5 A group of freshmen congregate in the Student Commons area, a favorite hang out spot before school. 6 Most students managed their time well enough to be able to stop at their locker before first period class.







# A NEW CLASS



new teacher, a new class. World Geography joined the curriculum with Teacher Zac Wells. World Geography was different from other social studies classes because it concentrated more on the culture of the countries rather than the history. It was designed to add another choice for a social studies credit.

In this class, students learned about the location and the changing geography of different countries.

Students joined the class for a variety of reasons. Some people were asked to take the class by their counselors. Ryan Marovich, '99, said, "I like geography more than current issues." On the other hand, Sara Martinez's, '99, counselor told her the class would help with her future career.

Then students began learning about their own country. By the end of the year, they were assigned projects on different countries. The students were given a list of countries and asked what country they would like to learn more about. Students brought in food, did dances, showed pictures, or brought in music from this country. Nikki Oloyede, '00, remembered, "I brought in African carvings and African music for the class."

This class was not all learning about one country, but according to Craig Koves, '99, "This is one class you have to take notes in." Notes were not the only thing students did, but memorizing was one of the most important aspects. Koves added, " (You) have to memorize all the countries and their capitals."

For those students who didn't like writing or even learning about our constantly changing countries there were other social studies classes, but none that involved getting to correspond with a country and maybe being a part of that country for a few short moments.

by Lisa Fesko

1 Shawnee Johnson adds the finishing touches to her South African bulletin board. 2 Marina Kritikos works to get the background of her project up. 3 Mary Tagg catches up on reading her reading assignments. Reading is another important aspect. 4 Courtney Parsons and Craig Koves fill a bulletin board full of information on Mexico. 5 Adam Fedak shows the class an artifact from his chosen country. 6 Tara Linde and Becky Compton look through an atlas to find longitude and latitude coordinates.

World Geography



# CLOSING TIME



he time had finally come for the class of 1998. The question was time for what? Was it time to celebrate, or was it time to say good-bye to all their classmates or was it time to cry. Actually, it was time for all three.

The Commencement, itself, was held at the Radisson Star Plaza on Monday June 8. That was after going to school that same morning to finish their final exams, something no other senior class had ever had to do. Of course, that was the price of enjoying a week long impromptu winter vacation because of the snow storm.

When it came to making up those days, the seniors weren't really happy, but at least they didn't have to take their finals after graduation the way some neighboring school systems did.

The Class of '98 not only made history by having to go to school on the same day as graduation, but they ended up having co-valedictorians, Elizabeth Bobos and John Rooda. Plus they had their salutatorian, Jamie Ulbrich.

Those two things were not the only difference. It was also the last time Forrest "Dusty" Rhode would be at graduation as our school principal. Rhode was asked by the senior class to be the M.C. for this event.

The class of '98 gave to the school the gift of a garden and wooden bench for all the future generations. School Board President Donna Stath accepted the gift from class treasurer Pam Niksch.

Then class presented Rhode with a cuckoo clock. Class President Ryan Germick, 98, added, "The gift speaks for itself." After a short thank you speech Rhode introduced the night's featured speaker.

Motivational speaker Jerry Markbreit started out by comparing life to football. The speech talked about the future. Then the time had finally come... to walk across stage and accept the diploma.

As soon as the last name was called to go up and get their diplomas, the class of 1998 was told they were now the alumni of Merrillville High School. The tassels were turned and the balloons fellingending four years at Merrillville High School.

by Cathy Snelson and Lisa Fesko

1 Tiffany Essex walks off the stage, but not before shaking the hand of Principal Forrest Rhode, who was forced to sit in a chair because of knee surgery. 2 Pam Niksch displays the cuckoo clock she presented to Principal Forrest Rhode. 3 Clarence English gives Raphael Ramirez a hug of congratulations and goodbye. 4 La'Tonzia Adams takes the final steps toward the end of graduation by accepts her diploma. 5 These seniors wait for the rest of their row to return to their seats before sitting down to examine their diploma covers. 6 Jason Coriano receives his diploma from Superintendent of Schools Dr. Tony Lux with a smile and a hand shake.











## a **SURPRISE** in every **DIRECTION**

Many students don't have time for much of anything, but when they find something they like to do at school they do it. Broadcast student Eric Pinnell is hard at work editing the weekly PNN Weekend Report which appears on cable Friday evenings.

Life outside of school was full of **SURPRISES**. The hours after 2:54 P.M. were different for each student.

Some students spent most of their time working to pay for the necessities of life like car insurance and entertainment. Others enjoyed a hobby like skateboarding, rollerblading, or working on cars.

Still other students enjoyed pastimes like playing hockey, taking baton lessons, or practicing musical instruments.

Spending time at the computer was also a favorite way to spend time at home as students played games or

surfing the internet. Teens spent time in chat rooms sharing opinions and making new friends around the world and still found time to spend on the phone talking to friends.

Teens also spent hours at the mall shopping for just the right clothes. As always it was important to stay current with all the trends such as tank tops and camouflage.

Some teens expressed their individuality by getting a tattoo or unique body piercing.

Outside of school there were a lot of **SURPRISES** this year.

by Cathy Snelson

# BEING AN INDIVIDUAL



Al Arana never has to worry about arachnophobia because as long as he lives, his spider will always remember the name Arana.

## Can't leave home without it!

Our generation wanted to leave its mark on society by leaving society's mark on their bodies. Teens did this by piercing their body from their belly button to their tongues, or by getting a tattoo. There was a definite rise in the number of people who were pierced or tattooed.

"Why? Because I wanted to. My parents didn't like it at first, but they got used to it. I was old enough to make my own decisions, and I had the money," explained Al Arana, '98.

No one was really sure why we scarred our bodies, we just did it. It was our thing.

People's opinions differed depending on their age. If you were a teenager, you thought it was practically the

coolest thing in the entire world. There was nothing that could beat the feeling when you showed your best friend your newly pierced body part, or new tattoo.

Some people were scared of the pain or their parents' reaction, or the punishment parents might give them. Others saw it as an adrenaline rush, like sky diving or bungee jumping.

Anyone deciding to get a tattoo had to be sure they wanted it for the rest of his or her life. That person may become an old wrinkly grumpy man with a faded tattoo on his shoulder. Nevertheless, they will always remember the day that they got it.

On the other hand, piercing was a slightly differ-

ent story because the hole may close up. There might be a whole in your tongue forever!

As the thrill of your newly pierced belly or the newest of tattoos wore off, the question arose, "What's next?"

This is where self-will came in. Some people went ahead and got another, and another. Was there a limit? For others one was enough, for now.

On the other hand, scars remembered those lessons that you learned in your life.

The question was what did you want the world to know about you, and what did you want to say to the world?

by Alicia Shingler and  
Marisa Van Volkenburgh

Even girls can have tattoos. Heather Oaks shows off her barbed wire tattoo that extends around her arm. She also has a tattoo of a butterfly on her ankle.

Business teacher Andy Niksich gladly shows off his tattoo of the hot baseball on his upper arm. Teenagers aren't the only ones who have tattoos.



Fernado Vaca not only pierced his ear a couple of times, but he also had his eyebrow pierced and a bar earring placed so it will never fall out.



Al Arana shows off the tongue ring in his mouth and the hoop ring in his eyebrow.



English teacher Ryan Pitcock takes time to show us the tattoo he has on his leg.

## SURPRISE MOM!

"Receiving a nickname, that fit me was one of the reasons I decided to get a tattoo, and the fact that I could do it. I was brave for a day, but I didn't plan on telling my parents. That was a bad idea." Star

Sarah Jones does what most teenage girls do. They get there ears double pierced.



Ray Rogalski shows off his muscles and the tattoo weaving its way around his arm. Tattoos and piercing were popular with teens of both sexes.



Johnny Muniz relaxes in the library sporting his eyebrow ring. The reasons teens get a ring are usually about the same, because they wanted to.

In the castle, the tour guide helps Michelle Schreiner experience the effect of the old torture devices in the torture chambers.

## LEARNING CULTURE

In addition to staying with German families, the GAPP students were able to visit well-known historical sites. This helped the students become more familiar with the German culture.

Rebecca Greenberg clings on to the railing along the stairs of the Castle in Heidelberg, Germany. During her visit, she is able to explore new and exciting tourist attractions. While exiting the castle, she is faced with a long hike down the stairs.

Throughout the streets of Germany, numerous parks are scattered about. After walking for hours, the students stop to rest at these little parks. In this park, GAPP students hang out around the Statue and Fountain of Aachen.



During class, Nick Yurva passes time by playing games on the computer. This trend is also found in many American classrooms.



On the summer trip, for the IU Honors Program, Doris Dobrich is able to explore many well known monuments. She takes a moment to pose in front of the Arc De Triumpe.



Al Arana enjoys a day of sightseeing and picture taking. During his visit, Arana has the chance to observe many beautiful churches. Many of these churches seem huge compared to the size of the average tourist. It is exciting to see such impressive landmarks.

Rebecca Greenberg, Kathy Padberg and Andi Franz stray away from the group to admire the Palace in Bruhl. The Palace of Bruhl is owned by dignitaries, or the wealthy class.

Many young people set up little stands along the streets of Germany. This lady uses her technique of braiding hair to earn spare cash. Andi Franz, an exchange student, waits patiently to see the outcome of her new hairstyle.

# SUMMER

# EXCHANGE

While visiting the Kolner Dome, the GAPP students find interest in the religious beliefs. Rebecca Greenberg stops to light a few candles inside the Cathedral. This is a common practice for many of the German people.



## Students discover a whole new world abroad

Everyone has a dream... The summer exchange students followed their dream to a foreign land.

Students in the German American Partnership Program joined together and explored Germany and visited German GAPP students who had attended Merrillville.

Meanwhile, Doris Dobrich and Alfred Arana, both '98, ventured to France and Spain. Arana said, "I love Spain, and I hope to return there next summer."

Unexpected slang, unfamiliar foods, and strange cultures were a few of the things they encountered.

Students were surprised to find that the languages they thought they

knew were full of everyday slang.

Many of the foreigners spoke much too quickly for the American students to follow along. Not to mention all the new words they had to learn. Fortunately, they had a chance to catch on during their classes.

Dobrich commented, "It was difficult at first, but I adjusted after a few classes."

Imagine eating a plate of spaghetti that tasted like ice cream. Sound impossible? This was reality for Rebecca Greenberg, '98. "Ice cream noodles smothered in strawberry sauce with shavings of vanilla ice cream," described Greenberg. She continued, "It was my favorite desert in

Germany."

Have you ever been served a soft drink with a touch of lemon? This type of culture was noticed by American students in every restaurant. Also, wine became a common beverage with each meal. Michelle Vasileski, '98, explained, "While hanging out with friends, it became routine to order wine with our dinner."

At the end of the summer, students had mixed emotions about returning to America. Many would have liked to stay, but others were anxious to go home. Either way, the majority of students enjoyed their visit.

by **Christin Cirrincione**  
and **Jessica Reed**



# ANYTHING INTERESTING



Rollerblading has become a favorite workout for many high school students. It is a time to meet up with friends and become fit. Andy Byrom enjoys hanging out with friends in the high school parking lot rollerblading.

## Showing diversity in our choice of hobbies.

Have you ever tried sky diving, bungee jumping, or jet skiing? These are some of the exciting stunts students performed to pass the time.

Jeremy Mc Clain and Keri Willison, both '98, went bungee jumping on prom weekend. "It was one of the best experiences I have ever had," said Mc Clain.

Greg Mish, '98, spent a number of days at P.J. Montoleone's condo.

At the condo, they went water skiing, jet skiing, and wakeboarding. Montoleone, '98, said, "It was some of the most enjoyable times of my life."

On the other hand, some students preferred using their imagination.

The art loft was where most of the best work was

done. Those students put all their heart and mind into various pieces.

Al Arana, '98, explained, "Being an artist ranges from drawing a picture to creating a sculpture."

Many high school students played in bands after school and on the weekends. Brad Gregory, '98, said, "If it wasn't for my band PHAT AGGRESSION, I would have no hobbies or life."

Also, many students had a passion for nature. They found ways to stay busy outdoors.

Ryan Francis, '98, spent time fishing in the summer and hunting in the winter. He explained, "My mom lives near a canal, so I spend a lot of time fishing there."

Collecting certain items was another way to consume the time. Students collected anything from sports cards to seashells.

The favorite collectible was the teenie beanie babies. People of all ages waited outside Mc Donalds to purchase these tiny animals. Alicia Shingler, '98, spent some class time trading and buying beanie babies.

Automotives was a great way for other students to spend their free time. Many students worked on motors, added features, and waxed their pride and joy. Doug Reeves and Denny Frizzell, both '98, spent endless hours on their cars.

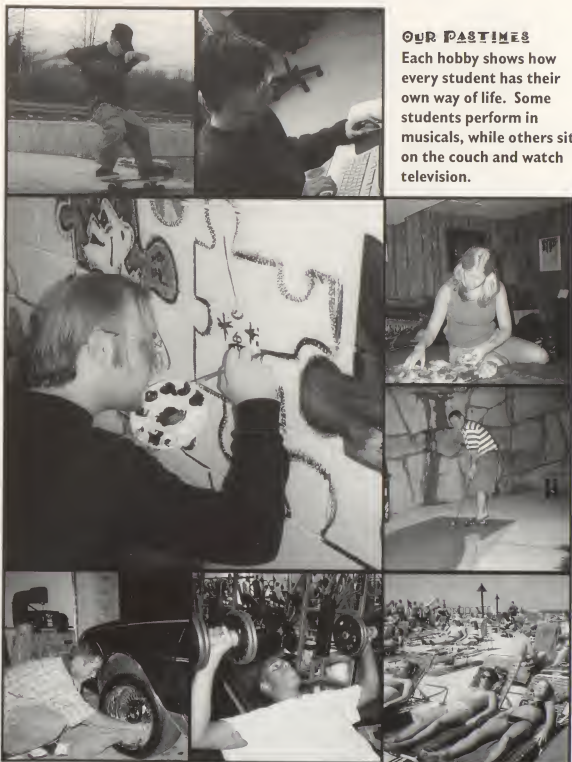
by Christin Cirrincione  
and Ann Wojtowicz

Ryan Germick creates another one of his crazy pictures using a computer in the art loft. Ryan's hobbies have made him famous at Merrillville High School.

Mike Kienzynski grinds hardcore for a hobby. The popularity of skateboarding and in-line skating has grown immensely in the past few years.

Bud Herzog enjoys one of his hobbies, painting. Herzog adds to the mural in the art loft; many students have contributed to make this wall into something unique and colorful.

Cars are one of the many things students look forward to in school. Each day students pile into the parking lot and show off their prize piece. In his spare time, Matt Warus shines every inch of his car. He is especially careful with his brand new rims.



## OUR PASTIMES

Each hobby shows how every student has their own way of life. Some students perform in musicals, while others sit on the couch and watch television.

The beanie baby craze has hit people of all ages. Little kids to adults find themselves trading these little animals. Mandy Sovich sorts out her McDonalds teenie beanie babies. She spends time trading and buying them to make a large profit.

Some people golf with a group of friends, and other make it a date with that special person. Josh Francis can always find time to play a little miniature golf. On vacation, Francis still finds the nearest golf center.

Athletes are trained to work out each morning, and some of these kids enjoy spending free time in the weight room. During the summer, Preston Thomas warms up for basketball conditioning.

In the summer, everyone wants a good tan. From laying on the beach to tanning beds, everyone finds a way to catch some rays. Ann Wojtowicz and Christin Cirrione find a spot on the deck to lay out.

During prom weekend, a group of close friends took a mini vacation. These students traveled to Cedar Point. Mandy Sovich watches Christin Cirrincione serve the volleyball.

## STAYING CLOSE

As the year comes to an end, friends realize they're going separate ways. It becomes a time for everyone to let go of hard feelings and enjoy the time they have left.

During Spring Break, friends find themselves relaxing, partying, and hanging out in the same places. In Florida, Greg Mish and P.J. Monteleone spend time at the beach. Monteleone shows Mish a few things about fishing.

The beach is a common hang out for high school students. It has become a place for buddies to cook out, play sports, and chat. Jason Woolwine horseplays with his girlfriend, Ann Bronowski.



Instead of going to prom, some friends played in the Gus Macker Tourney. Close friends put teams together and competed against each other. Jason Coriano and Billy Dimovski double team their opponent.



After the Senior Breakfast, friends decide to hang out at the nearest Dairy Queen. Some students show off their ethnicity by waving a flag while Eddie Roman taunts some students driving by.



At the senior drive around, students break all the rules. Nik Risteovski and Andy Byrom cruise around with the Macedonian flag.

Some high school sweethearts become the best of friends. At Cedar Point, Kari Willison spends the day clowning around with her boyfriend, Jeremy Mc Clain. It just goes to show sometimes size doesn't matter. Kari proves this by throwing Mc Clain over the railing.

Driving to school is a privilege that some students don't have. If their best friend didn't pick them up in the morning, many would be riding the big cheese. Before school, Dan Spencer files into the building with the other student drivers.



# FOREVER

# FRIENDS

On senior ditch day, students gather at the beach for a few hours. A couple of people decide to chicken fight to pass the time. Ashley Dobis and Tina Owen tag team Jill Matusik.



## “Graduation is a step forward, but it is one taken with friends.”

“And trust me that you can do something. You are not helpless, as much a pawn, as they would have you believe. Each of us can effect change...You can move the world.”

*Installment #10, An Edge in My Voice*

Words similar to these resounded in the hallways of Merrillville High School this past year as friends stood by friends for better or for worse.

“True friendship is about being there even when it contradicts your own beliefs,” explained Danielle Dore, ‘99.

Everyone had their own definition for friendship, but it all came down to the same thing. It’s unavoidable.

Even those who spent a majority of their time alone had someone they considered a friend; someone they talked to.

Friendship came in many faces. For some it’s a fellow student, and for others it was a neighbor. What put Merrillville High School on the top of the list when it came to friendship was the lasting relationships between teachers and students.

“I’ve been corresponding with Jason Reed since he graduated in ‘96. We speak through e-mail while he is down at Butler University, and when he’s home its nice to have a helping hand with the speech and debate team,” commented English teacher

Beverley Seaver.

For many students, friendships began as far back as elementary and middle school and still hold strong today. “Angela Pavlish, ‘99, and I have been friends for three years. I remember once when we put on this really bright red lipstick and attacked my brother. It took him forever to get it off his face,” remembered Megan Shelton, ‘99.

High school left lasting marks on all of us. Most people said that it’s their friends that they will always remember. Friendships may come to an end but the bonds were never really broken. The memories still exist.

by Michelle Westerfield



During class, Paul and Peter Suleski spend time finding books on the computer. The brothers think it is easier to accomplish certain tasks when they work as a team. They feel this holds true in several types of situations.

## Fraternal or identical, twins aren't always replicas of each other.

Most people expected twins to act, think, and dress in the same way; however, some twins were the exact opposite. For instance, one might be athletic, and the other may excel academically. These traits vary with each set of twins.

It depended on how the parents raised the twins. Sara Martinez, '99, explained, "My mom and dad never dressed us the same because they wanted us to have our own opinion."

Sara and Linda felt this helped them develop their own personalities. Sara continued, "My sister and I have different beliefs and feelings."

Matt Magurany said, "We never really think about it." Unless you were close friends,

you might not know Matt was Sarah's twin.

On the other hand, a few twin siblings enjoyed having a clone. In fact, some were so alike they had become best friends.

Carolyn Sprague, '00, said, "It is nice to have my sister around to talk to, hang out with, and share everything."

In some cases, the twins even shared their clothes. Shenley Roberts, '00, said, "We used to dress alike, but now we share clothes." It cut down on back to school costs and gave them a wider variety of clothing.

A few even had fights like friends do. The jealousy, competition, and guy prob-

lems were the same.

Sometimes twins liked to have fun with their identities.

Jason and Joshua White, '01, said, "We have some of the same classes, and we will switch seats to confuse our teachers." Most teachers found this annoying, but the boys, along with their classmates, found it humorous.

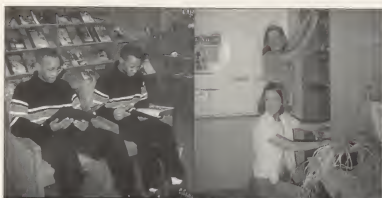
The Sprague twins had big plans to switch classes one day. The girls walked into class and found out there was a substitute. This put a damper on the joke so they decided to go to their own class.

As long as no one was hurt, it's all just fun and games.

by **Christin Cirrione**  
and **Jessica Reed**

During study period, Carolyn and Sarah Sprague help the teacher by organizing the bookshelf. The girls often work together to get the job done in half the time. They seem to enjoy helping out.

Dressed to show their identity, Jason and Joshua White hang out in the Media Center. The twins amuse themselves by dressing alike to confuse people. This often works in some of the classes they share.



After lunch, Kimberley Roberts helps her sister, Shenley, prepare her notes for a test the next hour. The girls tend to help each other study in their spare time. Sometimes lunch is the only spare time they can find.



During passing period, Lacie Hacker can always expect her sister, Lauren, to be hanging around her locker. Since the girls share the same last name, their lockers are in the same area.



On the way to their lockers, Mirjana Kljajic shares some surprising news with her sister Bojana. When you have a twin, there is always someone around to share interesting gossip with.

## HANGING OUT

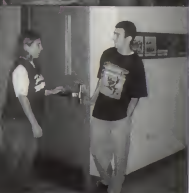
In high school, everyone led busy lives. The twins have found it difficult to stay close. Sometimes school was their only chance to spend quality time together.



After finding the location of a book on the computer, Peter and Paul Suleski search for it in the library. In this case, Paul finds the book first and mockingly hands it to his brother. In the end, the book will help them both.



In the Commons, Linda and Sara Martinez have time to talk about their day. Because they lead such different lives, it is hard for them to get together outside of school. School gives them a chance to catch up on things.



After class, Robert Wojcik greets his sister, Justine, at the door. Usually, Robert and Justine walk to their classes together and talk about their musical interests.

Some may think six minutes is plenty of time for passing period, but it hardly leaves time to stop by a locker. Kira Scheub and Jamie Bainbridge bring book bags to carry their supplies.

## BREAKING GROUND

Many trends started but only a few seemed to follow through. At school, kids tended to copy off fellow student's ideas. If it's new and exciting most students participated.

Tank tops have been around for years. The difference is the season they are worn in. Some girls decided to wear them in the winter with a few layers. Nickole Hall sports her new tank as she talks with a few friends.

In high school, students are partial to certain brand names. Tommy gear was scattered throughout the halls. Boys and girls found themselves searching for this label. Preston Thomas points out the Tommy emblem on his shirt to Scott Underwood.



Many complain about nothing to do on the weekends. Some students join local bands to pass the time. At the Revue, many bands took the opportunity to show their stuff. Mirror Image gives one of their final performances.



At prom, girls tend to follow certain trends from the dress style to the shoes and even the hair style. Many girls decided to wear their hair in a up do. During the dance, the girls file into the bathroom. Lindsey Mysliwiec tries to fix the top of her hair.



Each year different patterns have an influence on the fashion industry. Sometimes animal patterns become a dominant pattern. Leopard skin material was popular with Homecoming Court candidates. Erisharon Johnson shows off her new attire.

After lunch, most students have time to kill before the bell. Some students stay in the lunch room, but a majority of the kids hangout in the Commons. Joey Klippel tells Alex Vasilski an interesting story.

Throughout the years, denim styles have seemed to come and go. Lately, some of the best retro outfits are back in style. Angie Melnik and Lisa Modglin walk down the hall in their flare jeans.

# TRADITIONAL

Many young athletes copy off of the professionals. In the NFL, many players do a little dance following a touch-down. In high school, some guys find themselves following that same ritual. Duray Lawrence struts across the line.



# TRENDS

## Trends have a way of becoming popular again twenty years later.

What were considered trends? Although trends changed with time, some were usually seen repeated later.

Flare and bell bottom jeans are an example. They were popular in the seventies and were again in the nineties.

Platform shoes seemed to be a must when wearing these pants.

Silver necklaces and bracelet watches became very popular this year.

Brand name clothing like Tommy Hilfiger also started it's own trend. Representing the red, white, and blue, students sported these outfits on a daily basis to school.

If you had to carry your books to class, why not do it in style? Book bags were a

great way to carry books to class without holding them. From common Jansport bags to those decorated with cartoon characters, students expressed themselves with their selection.

Tank tops were also popular this year. Even in cold weather students wore these to school on a daily basis.

Once, chain wallets were great if you were trying not to lose your wallet. Now, chain wallets were used as a fashion statement.

However, trends are not just in clothing. They involved the things we bought and the activities we participated in.

Playing on the internet became a pastime for many.

From talking to friend or building a web page, the internet opened a new world for students.

Beanie babies were also a new craze. People stood in line for hours at Mc Donalds in hope of buying a teenie beanie baby. Some even tried to collect all twelve. They hope these will someday be worth a lot of money.

As for cars, the new Volkswagen beetle drove many to buy this car. It was remodeled from the seventies into a smaller version to fit the standards of today.

Trends were a great way for students to express themselves and their identity.

by Ann Wojtowicz



# JUST WASTING A LITTLE TIME



The water fountain, close to the cafeteria is a popular stop for thirsty students. It is also in a perfect location, nowhere near most classes.

## “Can I get a drink of water?”

What could you count on high school students doing every single day? Wasting time, of course. Either by writing a note to their friends (even when they saw them after every class) or by taking the long way back to class from Student Services, students took their time.

Some had good reasons to take their sweet time. Others just did not choose to be in class.

Most students remembered those moments in class when office aides waltzed in with those lovely green passes. Everyone sat with their fingers crossed, and prayed that their name was scribbled on a pass.

Then, there was the

hand-off and following, the look. The teacher scanned the class and approached the blessed soul receiving the key, the key to freedom. Anything to escape the lectures of everyday learning.

The teacher's hand reached toward their desk getting closer, closer, and closer, but going too far, and handing the pass to the kid right behind them.

After they recuperated from the disappointment, they realized they had the craving for a satisfying slurp from the drinking fountain (across the school).

Although they packed up their things in a hurry and ran out the classroom door, what did they do when they

got into the hall? Sure they saw a friend or two who got out of class, but then what? No one could answer these questions without really thinking about it, so the answer should be wasting time.

### Useless Facts

1. Over 5,000 notes are written behind teachers' backs throughout a single day.
2. In a single classroom 60 tardies are given within a week.
3. During one class period girls tend to fix their hair at least 5.2 times.
4. On the average people look at their watches 12.3 times a class period.

by Alicia Shingler and  
Marisa Van Volkenburgh

With our generation came new ways to help the time go by. The new Tomagotchi, Gigapet, and Nano's help us kill some time.

A few students catch some z's before the end of class, just to waste a little time. Although the handbook said this was illegal, it didn't stop students from taking a nap.



In almost every class there are those days when everyone is trying to make time fly. All they are doing is just wasting a little time.



Matt Pavlovich and Andrew Shih play a rousing game of paper football just to waste a little time.



Going for a walk is one of the healthier ways to just waste a little time.



#### A RAINBOW OF COLORS

Our school year was filled with colorful and surprising passes. It did not take long for students to figure out the color coding system. Yeah for green, but pink meant you were in trouble.



In everyone's math class you get those days when you just seem to know it, so you have the perfect opportunity to waste a little time.

Officers working security at a basketball game even have a chance to watch the game.



Danielle Rivera takes a snooze in last hour after one of Mr. Floyd's Brain teasing tests, just to waste a little time.





## a **SURPRISE** in every **DIRECTION**

Athletic teams provided some **SURPRISE**s of their own.

After the Hobart game, Coach Jim East sprang a **SURPRISE** of his own. He changed the starting line up and the game plan. The revamped Pirates came back from a slow start to place second in the DAC.

At the beginning of the year we got to see what the football team was really made of. With their new head coach, Jeff Yelton, they pulled off some **SURPRISE**s during their season.

The basketball team finished their season with a great record too, including a couple of big **SURPRISE**s by Coach Jim East's revised, young line up.

Sometimes the smaller sports seem to get lost in the shuffle. Several also had great seasons as a team and individually.

The boys' soccer team **SURPRISE**d itself by winning its own invitational for the first time ever and charging on to a Sectional victory.

Wrestler Dan Spencer, '98, didn't **SURPRISE** his coaches when he won the state championship in the heavyweight class. They expected no less.

Then the swimming and diving teams had exceptional years, sending two girls and two boys to state, which was a **SURPRISE** for those who qualified.

Gymnast Lisa Fastero, '00, also represented her team at the state meet.





## CROSS COUNTRY

# ON YOUR MARKS!

## YOUNG TEAM WINS SECTIONALS

This was supposed to be a rebuilding year for Boys' Cross Country. But these boys defeated all odds and went farther than teams in the past. The team had lost six seniors which made this team very young.

Throughout vigorous conditioning in the summer and hard practices "the team has been dedicated to their workout," said Coach Greg Pierson. This year's team consisted of many top runners: Rob Wojcik, '99; Tony Rendina, '98; Derek Floyd, '00; Ron Bolden, '98; and Ray Keilman, '00.

The team started the season off with a surprising defeat of Hammond Gavit. This defeat helped the team realize how much potential they had. Although the team had a great start, the best was still yet to come. One of the biggest accomplishments was winning sectionals. The team then advanced to regionals where they placed second.

Harsh weather and course conditions set the Pirates back at semi-state. The upset at semi-state meant the Pirates did not qualify for the state championship. Wojcik reflected in the season, "Everyone on the team improved from last year and cut a minute off their time. The team was twice as good as it was last year."

This year at the annual fall sports banquet three awards were presented. Derek Floyd was awarded Most Valuable player, Ron Bolden was awarded Most Improved athlete, and Robert Wojcik was awarded for Outstanding Sportsmanship.

The outlook for the team was great for next year. The team will be filled with veteran runners which will help for the big meets. Next year should be an exceptional year. "We are going to state baby!" predicted Floyd.

by Sandy Damjanoski and Michelle Vasileski

**1** Derek Floyd races to the finish line at Lemon Lake. He was consistently one of the top placers on the team all season. **2** Rob Wojcik fights for the lead. **3** The Pirate mascot leads the team in a warm-up before a meet. **4** Donald Hennessey pulls away from the pack and strides to the finish. The number of Pirates who placed well helped the team.



## SCOREBOARD

Gavit Invite	2nd of 24	Valparaiso	15 50
T.F. South Invite	5th of 34	Highland Invite	2nd of 24
Portage	28 38	Chesterton	21 38
Hobart	19 43	Crown Point	38 23
Michigan City	27 31	Hobart Invite	3rd of 14
Lowell Invite - JV	10th of 14	Clark Invite	3rd of 14
New Prairie Invite	15th of 24	Sectionals	
LaPorte	16 46	Crown Point	1 of 10



## CROSS COUNTRY

# SMALL SQUAD



## HIGH EXPECTATIONS

High expectations were seen through the eyes of the members belonging to the Girls' Cross Country team. Hard work, persistence, and endurance were just a few of the qualities that were shown by these girls.

Many people believed strength was found in numbers, but this team proved that theory to be false. This team consisting of only 10 girls had plans of turning the season around. Dana Gombus, '99, said, "We plan to bring up our conference ranking."

In order to achieve their goals, these girls had to show dedication through their actions at practices. During practice, the girls ran mile cut downs, worked on short distance, and lifted weights. In addition, every member participated in the optional conditioning program offered by Coach Phil Hey. "If you want to run well, you have to run a lot in and out of season," commented Hey.

It may come as a surprise, but cross country was an enjoyable sport. The girls had lots of fun motivating each other to improve themselves and their times. "People think it's crazy," added Maria Toledo, '99.

The two girls who provided their leadership skills throughout the season were the co-captains Rebecca Bosch, '98, and Toledo.

Numerous awards were presented at the end of the season. Leslie Kleminski, '01, was awarded Most Valuable runner. Although she was a freshman, Kleminski was the only runner to advance to semi-state. Other awards were Most Improved received by Dana Gombus and Most Dedicated given to Rebecca Bosch.

According to Coach Hey, the team did an outstanding job. These girls put a lot of effort into their season. They changed the image of runners and showed what Merrillville cross country is capable of.

by Jessica Reed and Christin Cirrincione



## SCOREBOARD

Andrean	28	29	LaPorte	20	41
Griffith	18	40	Valparaiso	44	17
Lowell	31	26	Highland Invite	6th of 17	
Morton	20	39	Chesterton	21	36
T.F. South Invite	10th of 24		Crown Point	20	37
Portage	46	15	Clark Invite	3rd of 10	
Rensselaer Invite	6th of 8		DAC Meet	7th of 8	
Hobart	20	34	Sectional	3rd of 10	
Michigan City	40	19	Regional	6th of 10	
Lowell Invite	2nd of 10		Semi State	59th of 150	

1 The fans cheer on Dana Gombus as she approaches the finish line. 2 During the Crown Point meet, Amee Ruder finds herself running neck to neck with a fellow runner. 3 Maria Toledo always seems to find a way to leave a long stretch between herself and her opponent. 4 Towards the end of the race, Rebecca Bosch expresses great determination to come out on top.



## I WILL SURVIVE...

The Lady Pirates got recognition early after attending the McCutcheon Tournament, which included many state ranked teams. They finished the day 4-0. The team returned home and snatched the next three matches to bring their record to 9-0.

They suffered their first loss to LaPorte 9-15, 5-15 on their home court. Refusing to give up the girls continued to dominate as they won the next five games bringing their record to 14-1 going into the Michigan City Invite. They finished the invite 2-2 with wins over Fort Wayne Snider and Kankakee Valley.

In the remaining games before the Merrillville Invite, the girls' record was 19-4 with a disappointing loss to Morton and two conference wins over Chesterton and Crown Point. The girls captured three matches at their invite with wins over Fort Wayne Wayne, Marquette, and South Bend Clay, and one loss to Mishawaka to finish their day.

They dominated the next conference match with Valparaiso 15-1, 15-6, but suffered a conference loss with Michigan City to bring their record to 23-6 going into the Highland Invite. They won the Highland Invite with a win over South Bend Riley 15-9, 15-6, in the final match.

The girls won their fifth consecutive Sectional title with wins over Highland, Lowell, and the championship game against Munster. The class sports rule was effective this year making the challenge more difficult, but the win so sweet.

This year was different as the girls captured their first Regional title in over a decade with a two game sweep over Morton, and they were off to Semi-state but not before Coach Amy Beckham did her promised dance!

Their great ride would soon halt with a loss to Fort Wayne Northrop 8-15, 8-15. The tears from the game were not only for the end to an incredible 31-7 season, but also because this was Beckham's last season.

by Grace Escamilla

1 Leslie Newell goes for one of her many kills this season. 2 Christy Walsh sets up for the block. 3 Erin Price displays her perfect form as she sets her pass for the hit. Teammate Tina Owen covers Price in case she's needed. 4 Coach Amy Beckham gets off the bench to express her thoughts on the play.







## SCOREBOARD

Griffith  
Hebron  
McClutcheon Tourn.  
Baker Central  
Morton  
Northgate M  
McClutcheon  
Willing  
Lowell  
Lake Station  
LaPorte  
Andean  
Lake Central  
Hubert  
Calumet  
Portage  
Michigan City Invite  
St. Wayne State  
Berkshire Valley  
Marquette  
Midland  
Bishop Noll  
Chesterton

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Crown Point  
Merrillville Invite  
P. Wayne Wayne  
Marquette  
Midland  
St. Elie  
Valparaiso  
Michigan City  
Highland Invite  
Union Memorial  
Goshen  
Piquette  
St. Joseph  
Sectionals  
Highland  
Lowell  
Munster  
Regional  
Morton  
Summit State  
St. Wayne Northrup

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15-12, 15-11  
8-15, 8-15

## VOLLEYBALL

# CHAMPIONS





## FOOTBALL

# END ZONE

## SCOREBOARD

Lake Central	25	0
Mishawaka	31	6
Crown Point	17	20 O.T.
Portage	31	21
Michigan City	28	0
LaPorte	37	6
Valparaise	38	21
Hobart	17	28
Chesterton	40	14
Sectionals		
Valparaiso	7	21

## NEW DIRECTION

It was a new season with new uniforms, new plays, and a new head coach. Anxiety was in the air as the crowd waited to see if new head coach Jeff Yelton could bring about a change in the Pirates' football fortunes.

Coach Yelton started making changes early. As soon as he was announced the new head coach, he began having routine meetings with the team during study periods. This helped to foster team unity. He also had a few tricks he wanted to teach the players at summer practices. He set goals for the team and for himself.

The Pirates had 12 returning starters, and 23 returning lettermen from the 1996 team to provide strong leadership.

Most of the starters were seniors trying to set a good example for the younger players. Mike Megyesi commented, "This season was a great experience for me and the underclassmen."

The Duneland conference was just as competitive as it was in recent years. The team had to come out and prove they were up to the challenges ahead.

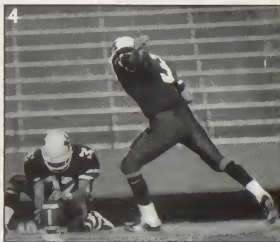
The Pirates had an almost perfect lead in the conference. However, bad luck started in Crown Point with a close loss to the Bulldogs in overtime. The team kept up their spirits and played hard in every game that followed. The only other regular season loss was to Hobart in Brickie Bowl.

With their strong showing in the tough Duneland Conference, fans looked forward to a long, successful playoff season. Unfortunately, the season ended prematurely as the Pirates fell to Valparaiso in Sectionals after defeating the Vikings during regular season play. Coach Artie Rogers and Coach Ryan Pitcock explained, "We had an exceptional year, but we just ran into a strong Valpo team."

A disappointed Craig Demaree, '98, commented, "Although we played hard and stuck together, I don't think the season ended the way it should have." He added, "We had bigger goals in mind; we just should have executed better."

by Dede Makarounas and Helen Andreatos

1 Rozell Manning drags a LaPorte defender for extra yardage. 2 Craig Demaree rushes for a first down. 3 The Pirates shake hands after a victory over the LaPorte Slicers. 4 Kicker Mike Megyesi attempts to set a new school record for longest field goal.





# GOLF

# HOLE IN ONE

## A NEW BEGINNING

This year's girl's golf season went "surprisingly well" for the Lady Pirates according to first year coach Jim Polites.

Starting off this year with one junior, one freshman, and the rest sophomores, was no problem for the Lady Pirates. They ended their season looking good and improving their record.

Even though they had so many newcomers, the Lady Pirates still managed to finish the season at 9-8 compared to last year's 5-6 record which was an improvement. Their confidence and hard work brought down their average by 12 strokes by the season's end.

A few faces to look out for were junior Robyn Johnson, and sophomores Beth Matlock, Alaina Fasel, Michele Uremovich, Tracy Albee, Kelley Sullivan, and Nicole Brown.

Sullivan progressed a lot this year and will be of much help next year. They are all likely to be lettering next season.

A freshman face to look for next season will Kirsten Kaiser who has been doing "really well" and will be of much help to the Lady Pirates.

In the conference, the Lady Pirates finished 3-4. Then of the 13 teams at Sectionals, the Pirates finished sixth. Their adrenaline was pumping as they confidently looked forward to both the conference meet and Sectionals next year.

At the end of the school year Polites held a golf camp for boys and girls at the middle school level. He felt it would be a good opportunity to "get their feet wet." This in turn will prepare the incoming freshmen for next season.

by Arleen Sattler



1 Alaina Fasel follows through with her swing as she watches to see if the ball landed on the green. 2 Tracy Albee shows her determination on the green as she prepares to sink her putt. 3 Michele Uremovich keeps her eye on the ball as she gets ready to chip onto the green. 4 Tracy Albee sets her ball on the tee at the team's home course. The girls' team which had called the Summertree course their home switched to Broadmoor this year.

## SCOREBOARD

Marquette	226	189	LaPorte	217	201
Bishop Noll	218	266	Chesterton	218	225
Wheeler	214	308	Michigan City	212	193
Lowell	224	262	Andean	197	202
Kankakee V.	212	213	Crown Point	186	187
Rensselaer	215	202	Hanover	218	266
Munster	224	262	Valparaiso	182	193
Portage	216	181	Lake Central	213	210



## BOYS' SOCCER

# WIN IN VITE

## SCOREBOARD

Jamboree		Crown Point	5 1
Boone Grove	0 1	Morton	5 0
Crown Point	1 0	Lake Central	1 2
Lowell	3 2	Crown Point	2 0
LaPorte	1 3	Munster	2 2
Elkhart Central	0 5	Hobart	2 1 (5-3 shootout)
Chesterton	1 4	Andean	2 5
Wheeler	3 0	Portage	3 2
Valparaiso	1 7	Sectionals	
Griffith	3 3	Andean	1 2 O.T.
Michigan City	3 1	Crown Point	3 0
Merrillville Invite		Wheeler	3 2



## GETTING THE JOB DONE

Before the soccer season began, the team went through rigorous conditioning sessions.

Two mile runs and two hours of ball exercises everyday in the summer was no fun, but all the exercise paid off when the season came around.

The soccer team finished with a record of 10-7-2. Quite impressive considering this was their first above .500 finish in five years.

Finishing .500 was not the only achievement Merrillville accomplished this year.

They also won their own invitational for the first time in it's history.

Last year, the team lost some key seniors. Therefore, this year was supposed to be sort of a rebuilding year for the Pirates. But instead of rebuilding, they put up their best record in five years.

Also, the team endured it's third coach in three years, Brian Past. He was one of the reasons the Pirates played the best soccer of their high school careers when it really mattered, sectionals.

The Pirates aggressively went after the sectional crown this year, but fell short in overtime of the championship game. Andrean beat them, 2-1. The lone goal for the Pirates came from Darnell Cole, '01.

The key to Merrillville's success this season has come from the combination of Steve Riveria's goal scoring and an excellent defense.

The defense includes Darnell Cole, Joel Sanchez, Kayvon Karimi, and Freddie Buck.

Next year, the remaining Pirates will try to improve on what the seniors started, a winning tradition.

by Robert Dowdy

1 Ognjen Kljajic takes the ball from a flurry of defenders with Steve Rivera following up. 2 Joel Sanchez controls the ball and sends it to Dave Rainey. 3 Coach Brian Past and Coach Mark Rosenbalm look on as the team plays in front of the home crowd. 4 Jake Gross does what it takes to get the ball from a helpless opponent.



## REBUILDING A TEAM

When most people think of summer vacation a few things come to mind: no school, the water park, barbecues, and plenty of sleep. This was not the case for the Lady Pirates soccer team as they conditioned all summer long preparing for the upcoming season. Alternating days from running and working out to improving their fundamental skills.

With the loss of six seniors, five of them starters, the Lady Pirates already had to face their worst fear, themselves. They had to rebuild their team, and learn how to play with one another before they could concentrate on other important factors of the game.

Ending with a record of 8-10, the Lady Pirates never formed the concrete team all had hoped. "Injuries all around and lack of maturity from the underclassmen played a disappointing roll in this year's season," according to Coach Louis Delvega. Delvega also added, "The underclassmen need to realize the intensity level from youth soccer to being contenders in the Duneland Athletic Conference is a huge step."

Despite minor setbacks this year, the Lady Pirates picked up their intensity level to defeat Portage 3-2 in a shoot out. Ironically it was Senior Night, the last home game of the regular season. Whether it was a preparation for sectionals, or simply an adrenaline rush, whatever the reason be it worked. Shooting for the Pirates were: Jill Matusik, Kate 'O Sullivan, Elizabeth Todoroska, and April Connelly, all '98, and Danielle Moore, '99.

Winning their final session game was a confidence booster for the Lady Pirates, who dominated Morton in the first round of sectional play. The Lady Pirates season would end with a 3-0 loss to Andean in the second round.

by Grace Escamilla and Marisa VanVolkenburgh

1 Danielle Moore fights for the ball to keep her team on top, as the game comes to a finish. 2 Elizabeth Todoroska sets up her teammates for a pass. 3 Sarah Jones makes an attempt to steal the ball from the opposite team. 4 Kate O'Sullivan challenges her opponent for the ball.



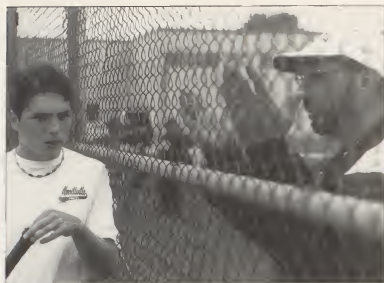


## SCOREBOARD

Jamboree		Culver	1 2
Crown Point	1 0	Crown Point	1 4
Valparaiso	0 3	Munster	1 4
Andean	1 2	Hobart	3 1
LaPorte	8 2	Portage	3 2
Chesterton	1 5	Lake Central	1 4
Valparaiso	2 7	Sectionals	
Morton Varsity	16 0	Morton	12 1
Griffith	0 2	Andean	0 3
Michigan City	1 0		

GIRLS' SOCCER

# INTENSITY



## TENNIS

# SERVE IT UP



## TO THE OTHER SIDE

With a little help from another country the Boys' Tennis team had a good season. The team finished with a 12-6 record.

The team this year consisted of six seniors. Captains were Nestor Riveria and Jeremy McClain, both '98. Coach Dave Zimmermen said, "There was lots of leadership displayed." Jack Dehaven, '98, added "We had good team chemistry."

Showing his leadership, McClain separated from doubles playing singles, and he won 12 straight matches in a row. This lead McClain to win all-conference honors.

Another team leader was Sascha Stracke, '98. He played singles and was also named MVP for the season. For Stracke playing at Merrillville was different, "In Germany we play on clay courts, and also it is a club not something organized with the school."

Other members also showed improvement. Adrian Ramirez, '00, had a powerful serve that helped improve his own personal record.

In addition, the team kept its winning streak of the seven Sectional titles alive.

McClain said, "The team was fun to be around." While Jeremy Rinker, '00, commented, "New players stepped up in the game, and others showed improvement."

Next year the team will return with the JV squad filling the absences of the outgoing senior players. The JV had a good season as well.

"(The team) was flexible and rose to any occasion," explained Zimmerman. The JV had a record of 8-8. Zac Cook, '00, said, "(The team) overall had a pretty good season and we all got along." The JV team will be able to make up for the good team chemistry that the varsity team had, but being bonded this year will be able to make a better season next year.

Ricky Bobos, '00, ended with, "It's not going to be the same with the seniors gone, but we will go after the eighth Sectional title."

by Lisa Fesko



## SCOREBOARD

Highland	3	2	Michigan City	3	2
Tipton Invite			Lake Central	3	2
Delta A	0	5	Chesterton	5	0
Delta B	5	0	Lowell	4	1
Tipton	5	0	Munster	2	3
Hobart	5	0	Sectionals		
Valparaiso	0	5	Andean	5	0
Crown Point	2	3	Rensselaer	5	0
LaPorte	4	1	Regionals		
Portage	2	3	Valparaiso	0	5
Andean	4	1			

1 Jack DeHaven gets advice from Coach Dave Zimmerman before one of his matches. 2 Jeremy McClain warms-up by swinging his racket around. 3 Nestor Rivera returns the ball during one of his matches. 4 Sascha Stracke goes after the ball to return it to his opponent. Stracke was an exchange student from Germany who played on the team.







# BASKETBALL

# TAKING A CHANCE

## REBUILDING THE TEAM

What do you do when the foundation is gone? The answer is that you rebuild. Sometimes that means taking some chances.

With only two returning seniors, the Pirates had to pull together for a good season. At the beginning, the team was a little shaky; however, by the end of the season the team made it into the third round of Sectionals.

Although in the past winning Sectionals was taken for granted, this was the first year of the class structure in the playoffs. This meant that most of the best teams in Northwest Indiana ended up facing each other during Sectionals or in Regional play. Consequently, making it to the final game took as much effort as winning the Sectional in prior years.

Leading the Pirates was Coach Jim East. With Scott Underwood '98, John Davis and Eugene Wilson, both '99 as captains, the team showed great effort. Adam Fedak '00 showed great leadership.

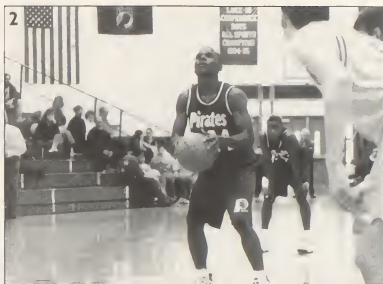
"We surprised many people by winning as many games as we did," remarked Underwood.

East surprised many people after the 42-56 loss to Hobart when he benched some of his starters, brought up some players from the JV team, and changed the team's basic game plan. Although the move was not popular with some players who were benched, the end result was a young team that was able to surprise many of the Pirates' opponents including a 52-50 victory against LaPorte.

Fedak explained, "This year's team had to really work hard to achieve our goals." Some games were very close. The LaPorte game was an example; the buzzer went off as the ball swished through the basket.

by Mandy Sovich and Ann Wojtowicz

1 John Davis slams the ball in the hoop against LaPorte during the Homecoming game. Merrillville won the game by two points at the buzzer. 2 Eugene Wilson concentrates on tuning out the loud crowd as he makes a free throw. 3 Scott Underwood is guarded by a Chesterton Trojan as he waits for the rebound. 4 Coach Jim East plots strategy for his players during an important time out. The session resulted in two points on the scoreboard.



## SCOREBOARD

Munster	68	62	Crown Point	54	47
S.B. Riley	57	53	Hammond Gavitt	61	55
Bishop Noll	59	62	LaPorte	52	50
Andreon	37	64	Michigan City	46	63
Valparaiso	66	54	Portage	58	42
Gary Roosevelt	64	51	East Chicago	49	63
Holiday Tournament			Highland	59	41
Chesterton	51	66	Lowell	76	53
Hobart	70	61	Sectionals		
Hobart	42	56	Lake Central	69	49
Penn	59	48	Highland	69	62
Chesterton	50	40	Crown Point	49	60
Lake Central	44	68			



## BASKETBALL

# DEVOTED TEAM

## HOOPING IT UP

Basketball season is an exciting time around the halls of MHS; especially for the girls who are on the team. They start practicing in October, and their season does not end until February. Every day after-school, the team showed their commitment and dedication.

First year Head Coach Randy Stelter commented, "These girls had outstanding, positive, upbeat attitudes."

The Varsity team was made up of girls ranging from seniors to freshmen. Valerie Pratscher said, "I think the different age groups were one of the things that stood out most about our team."

However, some other things that stood out about the team as well. Two of these things were the girls' desire and their ability to play well as a team.

Before game time, the team liked to get pumped up. They huddled together, concentrated, prayed, and then shouted, "It's game time!"

When the game started, the girls got serious. One of the most memorable games was against second ranked Valparaiso. Although Merrillville lost by four points, the girls proved themselves and their ability.

Even though the girls only got to the first round of sectionals, most of the team was satisfied with their performance.

At the sports banquet Shannon Wells received the MVP award, and Kelly Preuss took home the Mental Attitude award.

The girls met Stelter's expectations, and continually got better throughout the season. Stelter enjoyed his first year coaching girls basketball, and he thinks that there is a good outlook for next year's team.

by Mandy Sovich

## SCOREBOARD

Roosevelt	57	33	Hobart	33	42
E. C. Central	45	56	Lew Wallace	70	27
Lake Central	38	65	Valparaiso	39	41
Michigan City	61	39	Calumet	58	26
Andrean	39	53	Munster	54	52
Chesterton	47	53	Lowell	30	33
Portage	45	52	Crown Point	33	48
Highland	31	52	LaPorte	36	39
Mc Cutcheon Tourney			Boone Grove	51	13
Madison	41	57	Griffith	42	37
Mc Cutcheon	32	52	Sectionals		
Mishawaka	57	52	Lowell	40	47

1 The Pirates walk into the gym, from the locker room, determined to win. After their ritual, they are pumped up for the game. 2 Nakia Clemmons tries to get around the defense for a clear shot. 3 Coach Stelter concentrates on the task at hand. He sends in Kelly Preuss to relieve a tired player. 4 At the beginning of the Calumet game, the two tallest players line up for the tip off.





## THE INNER GYMNAST

Finding the "inner gymnast" was Coach Diane Roberts's goal for the season. The "inner gymnast" was that little voice inside you that pumped you up and encouraged you to perform to the best of your ability.

The Merrillville gymnastics program always had good physical abilities, but lacked inner confidence. This young team had lots of growing up to do this year. With only one senior the gymnasts had to really step it up. At the beginning of the season the Pirates were ranked sixth, but ended their season ranked third in state.

This improvement had a lot to do with their freshmen girls. Katie Dyer and Megan Skorupa, both '02, made an impact from day one. Both were ready to compete both physically and mentally. Although Lisa Fastero, '01, missed the first three meets of the season due to illness, she bounced back into action quickly. The first meet she competed in, she won first place in all around.

The most memorable meet was the Pirate Pride Invite because the Pirates stole the show. The Pirates won first place out of twelve schools from across the state. Overall, the season proved to be a success. End of the season awards were given at the sports banquet. Fastero received the MVP award, while Shenley Roberts and Katie Smith, both '00, got Most Improved. Elena Malave, '98, received an award that only few gymnasts have ever acquired. It is called the DDD award which stands for Drive, Determination, and Dedication. She is the first gymnast in five years to receive this special award.

Next season three freshman will be joining the team and much of the season depends on the attitudes of these girls. Roberts added, "These three girls have not in any way, reached their potential. They have not learned to be competitive. When these girls meet their potential they can be an asset to the team." **by Sandy Damjanoski and Michelle Vasileski**

**1** Riannon Ramos chalks up her grips just before her bar routine. **2** Shenley Roberts strikes a pose during her floor exercise routine. **3** Coach Bill Roberts looks on as Lisa Fastero executes her bar routine. **4** Katie Smith shows her concentration in her beam routine.







## SCOREBOARD

Michigan City	100.3	85.2
Lowell	105.5	93.1
Hobart	106.0	105.0
Ft. Wayne Concordia	4th Place	
LaPorte	104.10	77.80
Merrillville Invite	1st Place	
Portage	107.025	101.10
Chesterton	108.95	110.975
Valparaiso	108.75	110.90
Crown Point	107.15	81.125
DAC Meet	3rd Place	
Sectional	4th Place	

GYMNASTICS

# DEDICATION



# BOYS' SWIMMING AND DIVING FAMILY TIME

## SCOREBOARD

Portage	86	100	Lafayette Jeff	88	96
Rensselaer	104	82	Valparaiso	66	121
Hobart	93	91	Portage Diving Invite	1st place	
Highland	70	112	Michigan City	128	57
Crown Point	84	102	Laporte	82	104
Griffith	100.5	84.5	Munster	79	107
Lake Central Invite	3rd Place		Chesterton	60	126
North Central Diving	3rd Place		Lowell	115	68

## BONDED TO WIN

The Boys' Swimming and Diving Team's long practices and meets have brought this team together like a family. The boys' team finished their season with a record of 6-8. The team is divided into swimming events and diving competition.

This year the season was filled with nine seniors. Glenn Smith, '99, pointed out, "Next year we will recruit new boys." To fill in for the loss of the seniors, five freshmen have shown strength and ability. Captain Matt Pavlovich, '98, mentioned, "the team has improved and will move on."

The team made it to state and broke a record. A record that created controversy was the record set in the 200 freestyle relay. Doug Reeves, '98, recalled, "It was exciting (breaking the record). We knew we had the record after the first leg was finished." The record was however not counted, even though it was a record broken by the four.

Diving, another part of the competition, will lose the whole team to graduation. The four seniors showed considerable talent and Coach Sean McCarthy said that, "The boys will place top five at Conference." The diving record for this year was 13-2.

This year the 25 year-old record in the six dive and 11 dive events were broken by Brandon Hoffman and Ali Santos, both '98. "All of the divers have placed first in at least one meet," added Hoffman.

Since the diving team is losing all of the team McCarthy said, "We will have to search for new divers in RARE diving club."

"Swimming and Diving is a sport that does not get much recognition," explained Jeff Roth, '01. These boys worked in the morning before school and three hours after school to perform their best in competition.

by Lisa Fesko

1 In the water, Jeff Roth swims his fastest in the freestyle event. 2 Ali Santos concentrates on his next dive. 3 Nathan Pritchard helps Glenn Smith stretch before he has to swim. 4 Ken Badylak shoots of the starting blocks attempting to get the jump on his competition.



## INTO THE POOL

It was 5:15 A.M., and you were sleeping comfortably in your cosy, warm bed. That was, if you were not part of the Girls' Swimming and Diving team.

At 5:15 the girls jumped into the ice cold water, where they practiced until 6:50, then went on about their day of school. They did this about three times a week. They also practiced hard everyday after school. Of course, they also practiced Saturday mornings.

It took an extreme amount of dedication and skill to be part of the team.

Coach Bryon Angerman said "The team did a great job this season. We will even do better next year."

The speedy Lady Pirates broke three school records this season. Jen Okichich and Cassandra Pavlovich, both '01, also placed in the top six in Sectionals.

Angerman was also looking forward to the team coming up from Age Group Team. Unfortunately, the team will have to say goodbye to five seniors.

Captains Corrin Argenta and Erin Roth, both '98, were sick and could not participate in half of their final swim season. Nevertheless, they cheered on the team. Roth smiled and said she would remember "good attitudes and working together. We had the best swim team all around this year."

The award for Most Improved went to Claire Slivka, '00, while MVP honors and the Bets Mental Attitude award both went to Jamie Modrak, '98. "I was so happy when we placed 2,3,4 in the conference diving," remembered Modrak.

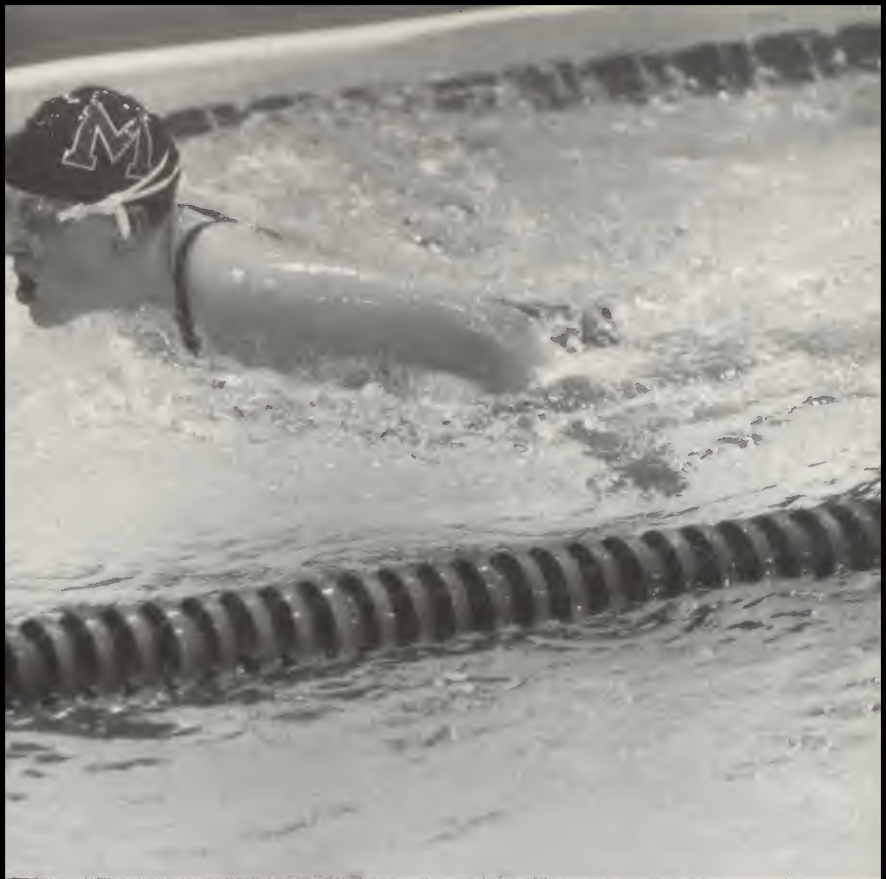
Having parties and just talking, making new friends, but never forgetting the old. No one will forget this team.



1 Angela Pavlish puts in every ounce of strength she has to get to the other side of the pool before anyone else does. 2 Teammates help each other to prepare for the meet with a few jokes and smiles 3 Jamie Modrak takes a couple deep breaths before diving into the water. 4 Claire Slivka holds a sign to keep her teammate informed of her progress.







## SCOREBOARD

Lowell	108	82	Gavit	114	70
Chesterton	63	118	North Central		
Portage	105	80	Diving	3rd place	
Rensselaer	103	75	Lafayette Jeff	64	121
Hobart	122	64	Valparaiso	68	118
Highland	82	104	Michigan City	115	69
Crown Point	88	98	LaPorte	108	79
Griffith	120	65	Munster	89	98
Lake Central					
Invite		2nd place			

**GIRLS' SWIMMING AND DIVING**

# PLUNGE IN





## WRESTLING

# 1, 2, 3... PIN

## SCOREBOARD

S.B. Riley	17 44	Valparaiso	23 36
Mishawaka	32 41	Calumet	19 42
Lake Central	30 39	Portage	31 21
Lawrence North	4 27	Hammond High	68 5
Gary Roosevelt	75 6	Hammond Clark	63 6
Portage	25 51	Elkhart Memorial	25 37
Merillville Invite	4th Place	Michigan City	40 33
Crown Point	27 38	Duneland Conference Meet	4th Place
Twin Lakes Invite	1st Place	Hobart	30 33
Martinsville Holiday Classic		LaPorte	27 44
Chesterton	20 40	Sectionals	2nd Place

## A STATE CHAMP

It's the state finals, the final match with two sweaty, determined guys battling on the mat to be considered the best. What was going through their heads? According to Dan Spencer, the phrase, "I gotta take him down," came to mind. And take him down Spencer did. In Spencer's final year of high school he won first in the state, won the Tom Cameron Invitational, and received many offers for scholarships.

What was his motivation? To win state of course. Of the team he said, "We had a young team, with only four seniors. We struggled and came though." He gave credit to Coach Artie Rogers. He said, "Artie taught me everything."

The team lacked experience this year. However, Coach Mark Rosenbalm explained, "They learned as they went, and improved a lot." Team captains Jay Lacny and Gabe Skoufezis lead the team which included standouts Dan Spencer, Roger Sills, Ryan Bailey, and Jake Rodriguez. Besides Spencer's state championship, the team won the Twin Lakes Invitational and took second in the Martinsville Holiday Classic.

As for awards, Spencer was the MVP, the Sportsmanship Award went to Lacny, and Bailey was named Most Improved.

Next year, "We will still be a strong team, despite losing five seniors, but we will also be more experienced. We'll take our lumps early and in the end, come on strong," concluded Rosenbalm.

by Casey Mc Kenney

1 Heavyweight Dan Spencer turns his opponent for a pin. Spencer's season ended in Indianapolis as a state champion. 2 Jay Lacny resists a takedown attempt by his Crown Point opponent. 3 Jon Talbot attempts to break free for an escape. 4 Jason Schoot ties up with his opponent as he considers what to do for a takedown.



## PIRATES WIN CONFERENCE

All the hard work and dedication paid off this season. In our competitive conference, the Pirates proved to be number one in the Duneland.

Unlike past years, the players felt that they conditioned intensely for the upcoming season. Eric Xidis, '98, the conference M.V.P. said, "There are a lot of good teams in this area, and it was going to be tough."

With a number of returning seniors, the team had a lot of experience, great expectations, and high spirits. Josh Francis, '98, explained, "We are a confident team, and we plan to have a successful season."

The team's skills on the field improved greatly throughout the season. The boys played their heart out in each and every game. This type of aggressiveness helped them defeat many teams and better themselves as a whole.

Jeff Nelson, '98, the lead hitter said, "I worked out hard to get more power in my swing." Nelson went on to receive the All-Conference second baseman award and ended the season with a .404 batting average.

In the end, the team was knocked out of the finals by Lake Central. The Pirates felt they had a good chance of beating them. Greg Mish, '98, explained, "Losing to them was a disappointment since we had such a close game in the season."

Mish was named All-Conference Utility player, and Matt Aubin, '98, received All-Conference outfielder honors.

Some would say baseball isn't America's favorite past time, but these guys would definitely disagree.

by Christin Cirrincione and Jessica Reed

1 After crossing home plate, teammates wait to congratulate Eric Xidis for an outstanding hit in his own cause. He was also the winning pitcher. 2 Before the game, Greg Mish throws a few practice pitches to warm up. 3 During the game, Josh Francis attempts to steal second base. 4 Jeff Nelson, the lead hitter, steps up to the plate and sends a ball into the outfield.



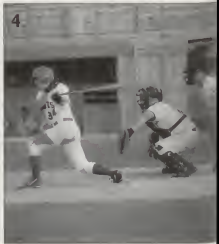
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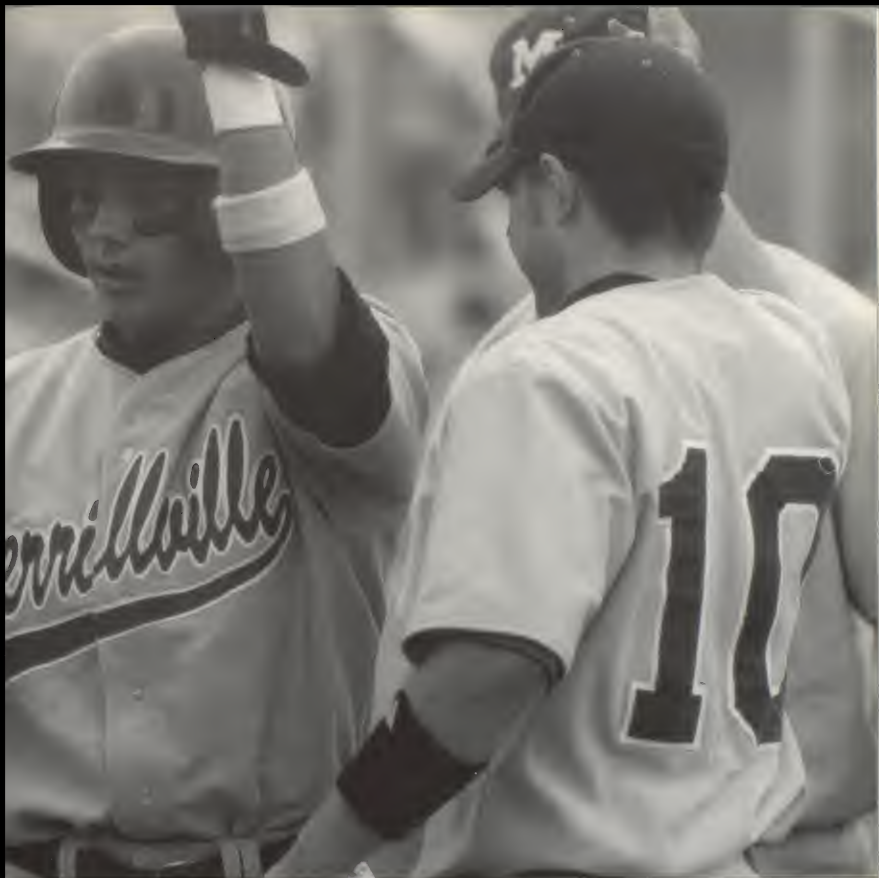


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## SCOREBOARD

E.C. Central	10	5	Portage	2	5
Boone Grove	7	5	Chesterton	5	2
Hammond Morton	8	7	Hobart	10	2
Michigan City	10	0	Providence	1	19
Valparaiso	8	2	Crown Point	5	0
Portage	3	2	LaPorte	0	2
Chesterton	14	5	Evanston	6	1
Hobart	4	3	Evanston	12	7
Lowell	4	2	Lake Central	4	5
Crown Point	8	0	Griffith	2	3
LaPorte	6	5	Bishop Noll	3	6
Michigan City	3	2	Hammond High	13	11
Chesterton	1	1	Munster	5	2
Lafayette Harrison 2	6		Lake Central	4	11
Valparaiso	3	1			

## BASEBALL

# CHAMPIONS



## SOFTBALL

# IMPROVING

## SCOREBOARD

Andean	5	6	LaPorte	9	0
Michigan City	15	2	Michigan City	7	2
Boone Grove	2	1	Lake Central	1	3
Valparaiso	3	0	Valparaiso	2	0
Wendy's Spring Invite			Chesterton	0	1
Jeffersonstown, KY	4	3	S.B. Riley	8	0
Portage Northern, MI	3	0	Portage	2	1
Canton Hoover, OH	9	1	Munster	1	0
Pickerington, OH	0	1	Hobart	12	3
Chesterton	4	0	Laf. Harrison	1	0
Portage	1	6	Lowell	7	0
Hobart	3	1	Griffith	3	0
Crown Point	5	4			



## EVERY GAME

With most of the team returning and new faces to fill the positions of those who did not return, the girls' softball team made it their goal to repeat as state champions. The girls' softball team worked hard to improve every game and this started at the beginning of the year with the sound of "Softball, Softball, Softball" over the announcements. Then conditioning started, and the team was ready to go all the way.

Tina Owen, '98, believed that "every game shows improvement, and that we beat teams when it counts. We're definitely a good team this year and everybody is working really hard to achieve our second year State Title."

The girls were improving at their positions during practices, so that when they played their games, they were playing at their best. The team was getting ready for state by using this time to improve the little mistakes they had. Once they got to Sectionals they planned to blow the other teams away.

"I believe our team has the ability to go a long way. Everyone works really hard to get the job done. When the team puts their mind to it anything can be accomplished," said Ashley Dobis, '98.

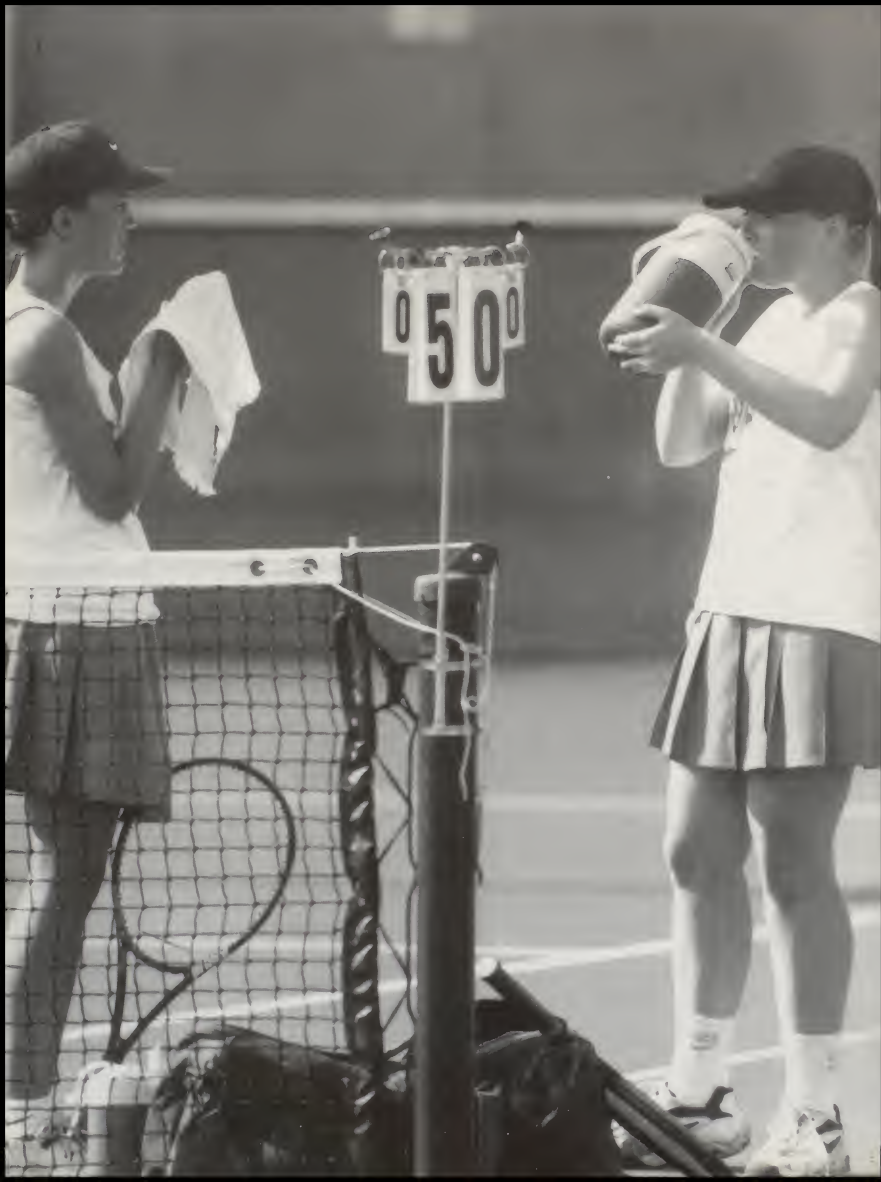
The team beat the Crown Point Bulldogs 5 to 4. They knocked down each team as they moved down the line. Kelly Preuss said, "We can do things that we didn't know we could do. Each game we improve. We have the talent."

The team played the season hard and wound up with a painful loss to Lake Central in Sectionals. The improvements were many. This year's softball team graduated most of the team. For the next year a lot of the underclassmen will have to make up for the loss of a good state team.

by Shanna Sigman and Lisa Fesko

1 Tina Owen prepares to hit the ball. Her hitting was one part of her game that improved. 2 Jamie Modrak keeps her eye on the ball and awaits its arrival. 3 Deanna Goodman swings at the ball and prepares to run. 4 Carole Holtz runs to the next base during one of the games.





# TENNIS

# MATCH POINT

## DOUBLES ADVANCE

The Girls' Tennis team finished their season with an outstanding 16-1 record. Their only loss was to Valparaiso at Sectionals in a close match that ended their season. Aside from the upset at Sectionals, the team won the Tipton Invitational and tied for first in the Merrillville Doubles Invitational. Another memorable accomplishment was winning the Duneland Conference.

Even though the team will have six or seven starters back from next year, they will still lose their senior co-captain, Liz Bobos. "We will miss her leadership and stability on the team, and she is an extremely hard worker," Coach Dave Zimmerman commented. Bobos was the only senior who played in the regular starting line-up. She was also the anchor to the second doubles team.

Although the entire team did not advance to Regionals, the doubles team of Deme Stath and Danielle Moore, both '99, got that chance. They won their first match and proceeded to go to State. The girls also won their first match at State.

This year at the annual spring sports banquet awards were given out to outstanding athletes. Blythe Bertolo, '00, received the Most Improved award; Stath was awarded with the Best Mental Attitude award; and Moore received MVP. Amanda Valse, '00; Stath, and Moore not only were named to the All Conference Team, but also were named to the All District team. Kristina Gros was also named to the All District team.

Zimmerman reflected on the season, "This has been the most enjoyable season of my coaching career. Not only are the girls' hard workers, but they are pleasant, smart and act like ladies on and off the court. I couldn't ask for a better core of leaders and team players than what I have on this year's team."

by Sandy Damjanoski



## SCOREBOARD

Lowell	5 0	Lake Central	4 1
Griffith	5 0	Valparaiso	4 1
Andean	4 1	Portage	5 0
Highland	5 0	Lake Station	5 0
E.C. Central	5 0	Chesterton	5 0
Michigan City	4 1	Hobart	5 0
LaPorte	4 1		

1 Danielle Moore and Deme Stath relax after finishing a winning match. 2 Amanda Valse fires the ball over the net to keep up the rally. 3 Kim Lux takes a break during practice to energize herself before the next round. 4 Sandi Skratsky shows great determination as she improves her game.



## TRACK AND FIELD

# GOING FOR SPEED



## ALL THE WAY TO STATE

The Boys' Track Team had a great season this year. They started practicing for the season before Christmas. The team has worked very hard to achieve their goals. Although Merrillville was one of the biggest schools in enrollment, we had one of the smallest teams. Even though we have one of the smallest teams the guys ran faster, jumped higher, and threw farther. It paid off from the start to the finish.

In the Duneland Athletic Conference Meet before Sectionals the team placed fifth. In Sectionals the team went to Lowell to do their best and came home as the Sectional Champs for the first time since 1970. Troy Sutton's injury to his leg was the only injury that hurt any of the events. He was doing very well in the hurdles. The team worked together and finally got what they worked so hard for every year.

The Seniors will be missed next season, but the team will work at improving the mistakes they make. Those who will be missed when they are practicing, going to start another race or stretching for another jump are: John Bassett, Ron Bolden, Fred Buck, Andy Byrom, Brian Chapman, Jermell Feagin, Nik Risteovski, Ed Roman, Bret Romeo and Sascha Stracke.

Five guys were State Qualifiers. Ron Bolden, John Bassett, Fred Buck, all '98, and Nick Gonzalez, '01, competed in the 4 by 4 relay. Montrel Person, '00, was a high hurdler.

"It was great to see all the hard work pay off for the team when they won the 1998 sectional this year. This will always be a special year for me being my first Sectional champ team as a head coach. Thanks to the M.H.S. track team for giving me this great memory!" ended Coach Jim Johnston.

by Shanna Sigman



## SCOREBOARD

Crown Point	68	62	Portage	65	28
Valparaiso	90	41	DAC		5th Place
LaPorte	40	72	Valparaiso 9/10th		3rd Place
Chesterton	53	72	Sectional		
Highland Relays			Crown Point		75
Merrillville	151		Merrillville		108
Westside		92	Regionals		10th place

1 Donald Hennessy accepts the lead and puts distance between himself and his opponent. 2 Fred Buck pumps up the speed to give him an extra leg to beat his opponents at Sectionals. 3 Bill Dimovski jumps the hurdles to finish ahead of Lowell hurdlers. 4 Striving for his best form, Jermell Feagin throws the shot.









## TRACK AND FIELD

# GETTING AHEAD

### SIX DAYS A WEEK

In spite of many injuries, the Girls' Track team still managed to have a good season. The track team was young this year. It was comprised of two seniors and many freshmen who took the challenge and proved they had talent.

After the season was half way over, many of the varsity runners were subjected to injuries. To take their places, some of the underclassmen moved up and started raking in the points for Merrillville.

To deal with changes, the coaches also tried to come up with alternate workouts. Coach Joe Atria, added, "We tried making pool and cybex workouts."

The girls had a season record of 2-5 and advanced one member all the way to state. Katie Dyer, '01, worked hard and jumped many hurdles was the only freshman to make it state. Dyer stated, "It's a lot of hard work, but it's a lot of fun." Dyer also broke a record in the 300 lh. The old record was 48.7 and Dyer changed it to 47.29. This was one sport tenth of a second counts.

Sprints were a part of track where the seconds really counted. In the 200 hundred, during one meet all three places were taken by MHS runners. Hard work did pay off.

Other parts of the track team involved field events. Jumping to take over for loss of long jumpers was Krystle Jones, '01. In the shot put and discus, Elizabeth Sullivan, '00, threw well enough to get her all the way to Regionals. Sullivan added, "Everyone should try it." Another area of field competition was the high jump where Jessica Gray, '00, flew over the bar to rake in many points for MHS.

Another part of track would be the long distance events. Most people think they go on forever, but Dana Gombus, '99, replied, "I loved the switch from (the 800) to the two-mile." This part of track was hit with the most injuries losing some of its key players. Still many people improved. Maria Toledo, '99, said, "I had a personal record in almost all my meets."

by Lisa Fesko



## SCOREBOARD

Indoor Meets		Outdoor Meets	
Chesterton	58 47	Crown Point	79 54
Lake Central	81.5 45.5	Hobart	23 54
Highland	7 45.5	Valparaiso	71.5 51.5
Munster	33 69	Chesterton	72.5 53
Griffith	32 69	LaPorte	30.5 53
Crown Point	71 34	Michigan City	87 31
		Portage	38 31

1 During competition, Ebonee Pace throws the shot put into the field. Pace was a freshman varsity. 2 Meagan Skrorupa passes the baton to Lindsey Krumrie during the relay. 3 Maria Toledo and Dana Gombus work to get past Crown Point runners. 4 Kristie McMillan sprints toward the finish line for a great finish.



## GOLF

# HOLE IN ONE

## WHAT A SHOT



The boys started the season off with a spectacular show at the Michigan City Tournament.

Mike Anaclerio, '98, accomplished an unbelievable hole in one. "That had to be my most memorable moment, along with joking around with the guys," explained Anaclerio. He added, "I never wanted the season to end."

Also, P.J. Monteleone, '98, had an outstanding round. He shot a 71, which was only two over par. This score left him with a chance for second place. In the finals, he ended the day with a fourth place win.

If anyone one stood out on this team, it was definitely the top three seniors. Matt Warus, Anaclerio, and Monteleone. All '98, showed great determination, effort, and leadership.

With great leadership from the team and the coach, the boys played the season on a positive note.

Coach Joe Starkey took over the boy's team and changed the game around. He gave the boys encouragement and helped them with a hands on approach.

Monteleone explained, "He has a positive attitude and is committed to making the younger boys better."

The team was unable to come out of Sectionals with a win; however, Monteleone advanced to Regionals individually.

It seemed like each player had their own moment of glory. As a team, they performed many great accomplishments.

by Christin Cirrincione and Jessica Reed

## SCOREBOARD

Marquette Invite	3rd Place
Andrean	167 176
LaPorte	161 175
Kankakee Valley Invite	8th Place
Crown Point/Portage	153 162, 162
Chesterton/Michigan City	162 144, 164
Rennselaer Invite	338
Hobart/Valparaiso	157 160, 167
Portage	158 159
Griffith	163 171
Kankakee Valley	166 183

1 Around the green, Mike Anaclerio attempts an up and down play for this hole. 2 After each meet, the players gather around to discuss their performance and talk to their coach. 3 During the meet, Matt Warus carefully plans out his next putt. 4 At the first tee, P.J. Monteleone takes a few practice swings to warm-up.









## a **SURPRISE** in every **DIRECTION**

A number of **SURPRISES** occurred and most of them had to do with the spirit of our school.

Changes in activities for both football and basketball homecoming **SURPRISED** us. We grumbled when the powder puff game gave way to a class games competition in the fall. Then we were all **SURPRISED** when a tie between Erisharon Johnson and Jamie Modrak resulted in two Homecoming Queens.

Some of us expressed **SURPRISE** when no Basketball Homecoming King was crowned and the number of court representatives was reduced.

Then the choir **SURPRISED** everyone by changing its annual Benefit Concert to a musical this year. They presented "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying" about a month before the drama club's performance of "Arsenic and Old Lace." Some student actors ended up with parts in both productions.

In the spring, a large cast and their new director Beverley Seaver, brought "West Side Story" to life in spite of a **SURPRISING** fire alarm during the last performance.

In all, it proved to be a **SURPRISING** year.  
by Catherine Snelson

The Pirate mascot can't believe his eyes at the referee's call against the football team. After four years with Eugene Vivo playing the mascot, Ryan Fasel stepped in to fill the role.



# WHO WOULD GUESS?

**We would start a new legacy of surprises, beginning with Homecoming, breaking tradition.**

What did pudding slides, pie in your face, and dancing in your socks have in common? How about hula-hooping? Would you have ever guessed it was this year's Homecoming festivities?

This year broke away from tradition and took on a new twist. Because some students took the rivalry between the classes to extremes, the Powder Puff era ended leading the way to class competitions following the parade down Broadway. The Seniors finally woke up this year and proved to all that they really did have spirit when it counted the most. They reigned in all events.

Although several new twists were introduced, dress up days and decorating halls were two events that were continued.

Friday night the Pirate football team took on LaPorte and "Put the hurt" on the Slicers with the score of 37-6.

During the halftime show, the Homecoming Court was introduced. To add to this year's uniqueness, there was a tie for queen between Jamie Modrak and Erisharon Johnson, both '98. Ashley Dobis, Diana Hammer and Alik Theodorou, all '98, were the other candidates for Homecoming Queen.

Student Government spent many hours setting up huge balloon arches throughout the fieldhouse and Hall of Flags preparing for the "Star Magnitude" dance theme. The size of last year's crowd forced the expansion into the Fieldhouse. It was a huge success with many couples coming to strut their stuff in their party favor socks.

by Karyn Pahl



**1** Kyle Vrotny digs in as he tries to eat his way to a victory. **2** The Homecoming Court of Alik Theodorou, Queens Jamie Modrak and Erisharon Johnson, Diana Hammer, and Ashley Dobis pose for the camera. **3** Nick Yurva gets his point across on the German Club float. **4** Students stand and look around waiting for the games to begin. **5** Seniors huddle as they plan their next strategy for the class competitions. **6** Jeff S. Miller hula-hoops his way to fame. **7** Seniors follow closely behind their award winning float during the Homecoming parade. **8** Students from all classes came out to support the football team.









# WORKING FOR A CAUSE

**SADD helps  
students find an  
alternative to  
using alcohol and  
drugs.**

Members of SADD, Students Against Drinking and Driving, sponsored the annual Red Ribbon Week to educate the community about the deadly risks of drinking and drug use.

During the week of October 27th through October 31st students promoted a spirit competition to encourage a drug free environment. Activities ranged from wearing red bracelets to a candlelight walk.

Tuesday was red day followed by a community candlelight walk from Pierce Middle School to MHS. At the conclusion of the walk, people shared stories about friends and family members affected by drinking and driving.

Jessica Reed, '98, said, "I think the community was brought together by this event."

On Wednesday selected SADD students were chosen to be dressed-up as the Grim Reaper. Every twenty-three minutes a tone sounded, and a student was taken out of his or her class to represent the number of people who died daily because of drug related accidents. "Dead" students had their faces painted white and were not to speak for the rest of the school day.

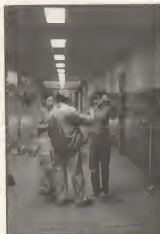
"This was a great idea to show students the deadly effects of drinking and driving," said Sandy Damjanoski, '99.

These activities showed the student body that there were more ways to have fun than drinking and doing drugs.

by Ann Wojtowicz and Helen Andreatos

**1** Kristina Berta and Christin Cirrincione listen to members of the community give their reasons for joining in the candlelight walk. **2** Doris Dobrich, Melissa Sonaty, and Ann Marie Bronowski work to decorate the senior hallway. **3** Michelle Vasileski concentrates on building a wall out of balloons. **4** Senior Class President Ryan Germick decorates the hallway. **5** Students made a chain of colored paper representing those who have lost a loved one because of drugs. **6** SADD members painted the main doors to kick off Red Ribbon Week. **7** Students light candles just before they begin their walk. **8** The burning candles represent the number of victims who died from drug related causes.

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# 'OLD LACE' FINAL CURTAIN

**This was the final  
MHS production  
directed by Drama  
club sponsor  
Mark Owen.**

He wasn't Cary Grant, but Alex Malinovich, '99, did play Mortimer in the annual fall play, "Arsenic and Old Lace." Mortimer's aunts Abby and Martha, played by Katy Cantrell, '98, and Lisa Farver, '99, liked to poison lonely gentlemen.

Mortimer had to deal with his crazy uncle Teddy, played by Josh Christoff, '98, who buries the bodies in the basement. A surprise visit from the long lost nephew, Jonathan (Bud Herzog, '98), his goofy sidekick, Einstein (Tim Seibal, '98), and a cold companion (Curt Herzog, '01) added to the fun. To complicate things further, Mortimer was engaged to the girl next door, Mary Johnson, '98.

The audience seemed to enjoy the lighthearted comedy even though the cast started out practicing in the orchestra room which caused some problems getting started. "The space was too small to block," explained Mike Glorioso, '99.

Because the choir did the musical "How To Succeed In Business" instead of their Benefit Concert, Drama Club members were forced to share time on the stage. This meant stage director Brian Kesler, '99, had just two weeks to build the set and to gather props before opening night. During practices it was not unusual for sounds of hammered nails and electric saws to echo across the stage. In spite of the adversity, the club was ready for opening night.

Then this production became bittersweet when club members found out this would be the final curtain for their director Mark Owen.

by Elizabeth Navarro

**1** Josh Christoff points out where he thinks Europe is attacking as Bridget Petrites sits in confusion. **2** Afraid of what their nephew Jonathon might do, Katy Cantrell and Lisa Farver slowly back away. **3** Soon to be married, Elaine and Mortimer discuss their future together. **4** Waiting for their next victim to drink their famous elderberry wine, Martha and Abby are interrupted by Mortimer. **5** As the rest of the family runs away, Tim Seibal holds Jonathon back from hurting his insane brother. **6** Herzog and Seibal's duo stole the show. **7** Bud Herzog spent a hour before every show applying fake scars and bruises to look scary. **8** Cantrell and Farver portray the spinster sisters.







# THE GIRL CHOOSES



**Turnabout gives the girl a chance to make all the decisions.**

As students anticipated the many surprises of Christmas, excitement ran through the minds of those attending Turnabout. Unlike any other dance at MHS, the girls were encouraged to take charge by asking the guy and paying for the evening.

FEA, led by Patti Dudak, sponsored the dance this year. The club members selected key chains to give as favors at the end of the dance.

The event took place in the cafeteria which was decorated with homemade forest green and silver balloon strands.

Erin Roth, '98, said, "It was nice the way things were arranged." Adding a special touch, Christmas ornaments with each couple's names were hung from the ceiling. Cookies were baked by members to save money for the club. Kevin Mehay returned from many previous dances to D.J.

The students had great things to say about the attendance. "There were enough people to have a good time without being extremely crowded," commented Dudak. The dance floor had plenty of space for those interested in showing off new moves.

This dance seemed to have a relaxed atmosphere. People felt comfortable dancing in middle of the crowd. The students had a good time without the hassle of the average dance.

Jamie Bainbridge, '99, explained, "My date and I decided to attend the dance the night before." Bainbridge added, "I had a great time."

by Christin Cirrione and Jessica Reed



**1** Erin Price carefully straightens Bobby Kostoski's tie. **2** Towards the end of the dance, couples relaxed around the tables. **3** During a slow dance, Nicole Rackich takes the time to flash a huge smile for the camera. **4** Couples gathered in the middle of the dance floor to perform the electric slide. **5** As the students formed a tunnel, Bonnie McFarland and Matt Pavlovich dance their way through it. **6** A circle of friends dance in a small group. **7** Leslie Malerich shows off her skills in front of everyone. **8** Some couples take a break to indulge in refreshments.



# A CHANGE IN COURT

Basketball Homecoming had a different twist this year. There were still Spirit Days and a queen, but where was her king?

Student Government sponsored Basketball Homecoming. In the past, there were three years with a king and four without. Student Government was given the choice of whether or not they wanted a king. They thought that MHS guys enjoyed the Hot Legs contest more than getting crowned king.

But what guy wouldn't love the chance to show off his legs in front of the entire student body? This year's Hot Legs winner, Charles Elliot, wished he could show off more of his body.

Everything ran smoothly according to Student Government sponsor Rosellen Kozel, but the hall decorations competition was not well attended. This year also started another new tradition. No underclass princesses were crowned. Student Government wanted the court to focus their attention on the seniors. The senior court consisted of; Queen Deanna Goodman, Christin Cirrincione, Diana Hammer, Melissa Sonaty, and Erisharon Johnson.

The underclass court also went well. Cheryl Hoagland "01" said, "It was fun with only a senior queen, because we could have fun without pressure." Not many seemed to be disappointed with the changes made to the court especially after the Pirates beat the Slicers. Even though there were quite a few changes this year, the students still seemed to enjoy homecoming week.

by Mandy Sovich

**Students left  
with no king or  
underclass  
princesses.**



**1** Adam Fedak takes the shot and makes the basket in the victory over LaPorte. **2** Merrillville's coaches plan second half strategy. **3** A pep band member bangs her cymbals as the crowd enjoys the half-time show. **4** The three sophomore princesses anxiously await the crowning of the senior queen. **5** The Hot Legs winner Charles Elliott struts his stuff in front of the judges. **6** P.J. Montoleone escorts homecoming nominee Christin Cirrincione. **7** Pirate fans went crazy as Merrillville won the game. **8** Homecoming Queen Deanna Goodman watches as Eric Xidis waves to the crowd.









# SO ARE YOU BUSY?



**Valentine's Day  
can mean new  
beginnings for  
the fortunate.**

"So, are you busy February 7th, about 7:30 P.M.?"

"For what?"

"The Valentine's Dance."

The Valentine's Dance was held here in the Hall of Flags. Although it was not on Valentine's Day, there was still a certain magic in the air. "Can You Feel the Love Tonight" was played by D.J. Kevin Mehay, while the crowd danced.

Like most dances the couples planned on dining on the town. There were the usual places, but some couples had a romantic picnic by a lake. Whatever they did, everyone remembered their Valentine for their own reasons.

When the couples received their pictures, they placed them into a frame that each guest had received. After all the wallets were handed out and the pictures were passed around, he memories of this year's Valentine's Dance still held strong.

Even if the man or lady, did not say the right thing, they had one more chance the next weekend.

"Wow! Time flies when you're having fun!"

"I guess I'll see you tomorrow."

"Call me."

"One question."

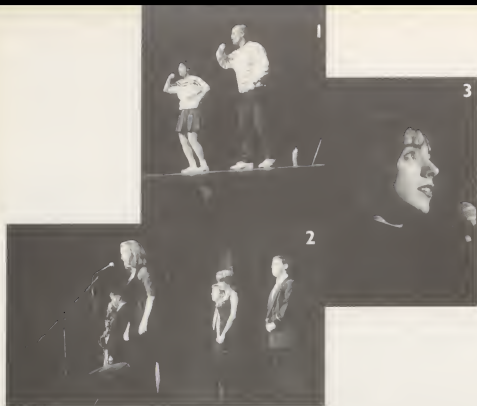
"What?"

"CAN YOU FEEL THE LOVE TONIGHT?" (Question answered)

by Alicia Shingler



**1** Yvonne Woszczyński and her date Matt Warus dance the night away. **2** The crowd slowly came away from the walls when it was time to have that slow dance. **3** Michelle Schreiner and Tom Crane check in at the door. **4** Choo, Choo! Students grab on to the train as they dance around the Hall of Flags. **5** "Heey, Macarena." Students enjoy the dance that is easy to do. **6** Tom Crane loves to be the center of attention. **7** The D.J. had a lot of help from Beth Brown and Tia Krooswyk when choosing music. **8** The night ended with a song.



# STAGE PLUS TALENT

The stage was set. The lights and music were shining, and the laughs were rolling hard. It's sad to say, not all the laughs were for the right reasons. Like other years, the audience was quite rowdy. They never seemed to notice how others suffered.

Besides the obvious, there were many new rules for the Revue including leaving the house lights on the entire show. This made it harder for the actors to play their part. Also, the tech crew had it a bit harder, since the lights made it easier for the audience to view some backstage secrets.

The Revue had an experienced student director this year in Elizabeth Navarro, '98, which helped in the running the show. She had some help from a Alicia Shingler, '98, the stage manager. Although Shingler was new, she had a great crew, including Brian Kesler, '99; Jon Oaks, '98; Curt Herzog, '01; Tim Seibal, '98; and some of the cast also helped.

Standing behind the young crew weresome helpful and proud adults. Drama sponsor and speech coach Beverley Seaver received help from hilarious English teacher John Lambersie who helped members of the Creative Writing Club write the Spartan Cheerleaders skits that tied the Revue together. Then Superintendent of Schools Tony Lux and guidance counselor Shirley Renner stole the show when they performed their version of the Spartan Cheerleaders.

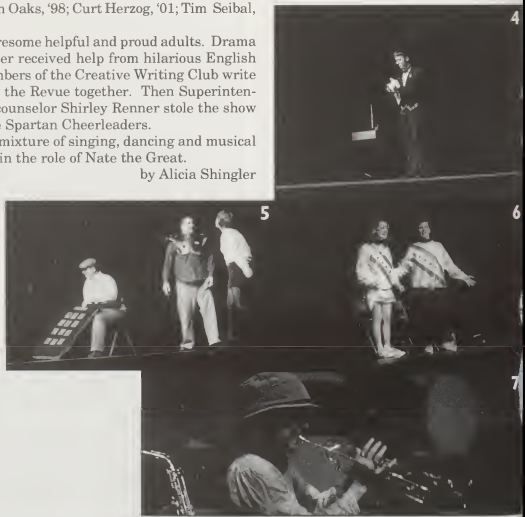
As in other years, the REvue was a mixture of singing, dancing and musical acts. Nate Lacny also proved to be a hit in the role of Nate the Great.

by Alicia Shingler

**1** Superintendent Dr. Tony Lux and guidance counselor Shirley Renner had their fun doing a skit from the Spartan Cheerleaders. **2** Elaine Castro, Tia Krooswyk, Jay Cermak, Ronnie Dergo, Robin Childress, and Josh Gaboian sing a beautiful ensemble. **3** Beth Brown sings her heart out and really has the audience in her hands. **4** Nate the Great astonishes the crowd with his magic act. **5** Bridget Petrites, Josh Christoff, and Mike Glorioso had no problem playing a dysfunctional family. **6** Jay Cermak and Robin Childress are in perfect time for their perfect cheer. **7** Cortney Lamprecht really lets her sound be heard. **8** Jeff Smith revels in the spotlight.

Revue

Everyone had  
their night to be  
a star, and we  
sure did shine!









# ACTORS PLAY IT UP

## Dramatic Society brings rival gangs to the stage in a musical classic.



As the overture began, the audience felt the excitement. The cast and crew were backstage getting ready for another performance. Their minds were filled with doubt. Wondering if they could do better than their last show; not knowing that each show got better and better.

The annual musical sponsored by the Dramatic Society was *West Side Story*. Since more girls generally audition than guys, the three lead female parts were double cast to give more girls the opportunity to take part.

"Anybodys," the tomboy, was played by Kathy Padberg and Kathi Gaines, both '98; "Antia" was played by Lindsey Banks, '99, and Robin Childress, '00; while of the lead role "Maria" gave Elaine Castro and Tia Krooswyk, both '98, the chance to shine in the spotlight.

*West Side Story* was a modern day *Romeo and Juliet* story. The difference was instead of two families feuding, it was two rival gangs competing against each other. The Jets, made up of Americans, fought the Sharks which was the Puerto Rican gang.

Tony, a Jet, played by Jay Cermak, '98, fell in love with Maria, the sister of the leader of the Sharks, played by Ronnie Dergo. Riff, played by Josh Gaboian, '00, was the leader of the Jets. He was also Tony's best friend who gave his life protecting his friend from the dangers of loving a Shark. At the same time Antia, Maria's friend saw her love killed her love to protect Maria.

This musical was filled with singing and dancing which gave the chorus a big chance to shine. The "low light" of the final night's performance was when the fire alarm went off and everyone had to leave the building until the "all clear." Nevertheless, the large cast and crew picked up the story line and performed until the tragic conclusion.



1 JayCermak, Tony, and Elaine Castro, Maria, think about their wedding. 2 Lindsey Banks, Antia, sings "Tonight." 3 Tom Crane, as Action, listens as Kyle Vrotny, Baby John, says he is deprived. 4 Kristen Cribari and Kristin Rendina listen to Tia Krooswyk (alternate cast Maria) say how pretty she feels. 5 Josh Gaboian, Riff, leads the Jets in cool. 6 Gaboian leader of the Jets agrees to fight with Ronnie Dergo, Bernardo, the leader of the Sharks. 7 In his last minutes, Maria holds Tony, hoping that the hate will vanish. 8 Two cultures clash as Riff and Bernardo begin to fight.



# MY HEART

# WILL GO ON

Tired of the hundreds of students who traditionally stayed home the Monday after prom, administrators moved prom to Friday night rather than Saturday. Students attended classes until the 11:03 a.m. dismissal for a Teachers Inservice.

What administrators did not know was that students viewed the change as another day to party and spend time with the friends that they would miss this summer. In the end, Monday attendance was a little better than previous years, but not all that much.

Eventually the long talked about night arrived with its theme "My Heart Will Go On" from the hit movie *Titanic*. The night began with the crowning of Queen Laura Luevano and King Andy Draper were crowned and the Grand March in the Hall of Flags. Then the motorcade traveled to St. Elijah where the music was playing, and the food was delivered to the tables.

St. Elijah was decorated in the colors blue, white, and silver. Most of the Prom goers stopped to have their picture taken in front of the ship made entirely of balloons.

After the food was eaten and the King and Queen started us off, the dance floor was full. Everywhere you looked couples and groups of friends were grooving to the music. In the lobby punch and cookies waited for the thirsty dancers.

Then the limos started arriving. Couples began to pick up the favors as friends completed their plans. They were on their way. Some couples went to Chicago, others stayed in town.

The next day was when Prom goers got creative. Of course, some went to Great America. Others went to the museums, to parks, to shows, or to Turkey Run. Then it was time to plan for Sunday, and most planned for Monday, too.

by Alicia Shingler

1 Laura Luevano shows her surprise when

her name is announced. 2 Friends enjoy

each others company at their table.

Students were allowed to choose their table when they purchased their tickets.

3 Getting the pictures for the evening was hard. Students could wait in line at the Prom or make an appointment to have them taken at the studio. 4 The electric

slide was a big hit as usual. 5 Chris Schuck entertains his friends. 6 Students

relax at their table between dances. 7 Slow dances are always the Ladies favorite.

8 Everyone watches the King and Queen

dance to the theme song, "My Heart Will Go On" by Celine Dion.

A tradition on  
Saturday night,  
Prom becomes a  
Friday night event.











# BAND OF PIRATES

Love and respect for music helped band get superior ratings at contest.



Band directory Mary Clay taught her band students to love and respect music. Many of her students counted her as a second mother because she cared so much for them. "She has taught the band what music is all about, and we all respect her for what she has accomplished with the band," commented April Connelly, '98.

Last year band also had a student teacher, Ms. Cuson. She also brought positive vibes in the classroom. She was also supportive of the group.

Skills that were needed by each individual were rhythm, discipline, resistance to pain, and a good sense of humor. At the same time, the feelings that marching band students had when performing ranged from being nervous and afraid to feeling honored. "You feel like you are going to mess up royally and are also very afraid," said Valerie Plummer, '00.

At the same time, Mike Gloriosi, '99, explained his feelings when finishing a halftime show. "It's like the feeling you get when you get a big honor. You're tired, but proud of yourself and your friends."

In addition to competing in marching contest, the Band of Pirates also marched at Indiana University High School Band Day.

A major change in the band program this year was the addition of a new band. The Wind Ensemble was added because growth in the Symphonic and Concert Bands over the last few years was making the bands too large.

Besides competing as a marching band, the Symphonic Band, Concert Band, and Wind Ensemble also competed in NISBOVA contests during their less noticeable, but equally important, concert season. The Wind Ensemble and the Concert Band both received superior ratings for their efforts.

by Maryanne Mitrevski



1 The drumline sets up in front of the stands at a home game. The band helps get the crowd involved in the game. 2 Jon Rybicki carries the tune during one of the band's halftime shows. 3 Saxophones and heavy brass players practice for Baccalaureate. 4 Woodwinds stand at attention and wait for their cue to come in. 5 Jody Cyphert and Jamie Ulbrich concentrate on the music chosen for Baccalaureate. 6 Drum majors Juan Anya and Sarah Stupic lead the band down the parade route. 7 The band strikes a pose during the James Bond show. 8 The brass section marches to the cadence during the Fourth of July parade.



# TAKE A NEW LOOK

This year proved to be quite an interesting year, or at least it was for the members in colorguard. Colorguard grew from it's normal 10 to 15 members to an almost overpowering 20 to 25 members.

That would have been just fine, except for one thing. Over half of the guard were brand new. At first it was a problem, but by the end of the season nobody could tell who was new.

The colorguard, along with the marching band and poms, started out their marching season with the annual Fourth of July Parade. After that everyone took a short break and came back for band camp. Band camp proved to be a whole week of marching practice from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. with an hour break for lunch in the middle.

During marching season all the members went to I.U. Band Day with the band and performed at half-time during the game. They also performed at every home football game and at marching band contest.

This year was not only a time of change for the size of the group, but they also changed their uniforms. They went from a uniform almost the same as the band wears, to black body-suits with black baggy pants. It was a bold move for the members, but they handled it very well.

However, that was not all that changed. They decided to try an have 10 foot flags. This was a feat they ended up accomplishing with a little bit of work.

The Colorguard had to work hard to get used to the different flags, different moves and to learn to fight the wind in Demaree Stadium. That in itself was a very hard thing to do.

All in all, it ended up being a great year full of different memories, and surprises along the way.

by Cathy Snelson

**1** The Colorguard marches along with the band to lead the Homecoming Parade. **2** Strip and Flip. The Colorguard finishes their routine and prepares for the next. **3** Lisa Fesko and Sarah Kelley show perfect posture as they get to the last leg of the parade. **4** A Merrillville police officer leads the Colorguard along as they perform the School Song. **5** The Colorguard takes time out from performing at I.U. Band Day to pose for a picture. **6** Sarah Kelley and Racheal Szany twirl the flag to James Bond music during a halftime performance.

**Changing the size of the group leads to many many surprises along the way.**







# POM- PONS ADJUST

**The Dance Team  
receives a new  
coaching staff for  
the season.**



The dance team had their work cut out for them at the start of the season. Team coach Marianne Oates left the school, and the team received a new coach, Deanne Tanis.

The team had to make some changes to fit their new coach's ideas. "At first it was difficult having a new style of dance," said Christina Damjanoski, '01. She added, "It all worked out, and it was a good year."

Some of the members felt it was a change for the better. The squad tried to pull together and work as a team. Many of them felt the girls were becoming closer throughout the season.

Jenny Chung, '99, explained, "It brought the squad together, and we had to start from the beginning as one."

Aside from rebuilding their team, the girls took part in a number of events. Senior poms designed a routine for the faculty vs. student basketball game. After some technical difficulties, the music started, and the girls were a hit. Students thought it brought a little excitement into the game.

In addition, the J.V. and Varsity squads traveled to the State Competition. The girls practiced everyday after school to perfect their dancing. They went to the contest with great determination.

The varsity squad brought home a fourth place finish in poms and a seventh place finish in dance. In such a competitive sport, this was an impressive outcome.

by **Christin Cirrincione and Jessica Reed**

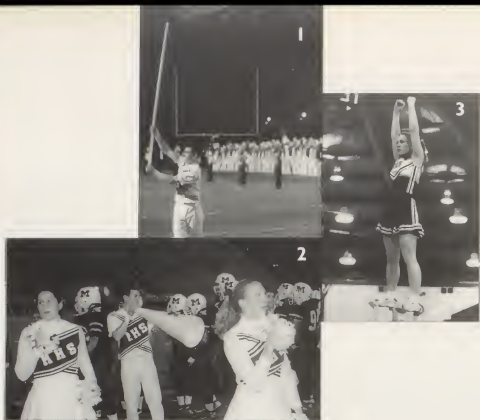
**1** Patty Underwood and Deanna Shonk smile at the crowd during a halftime show.

**2** At the competition, Bonnie Mc Farland, Kelly Keilman, and Kathy Bartochowski accept the award. **3** Betsy Lucas performs a stunt with her teammate.

**4** At homecoming, the poms follow the school band in the parade. **5** The J.V. squad show off their skills at halftime of a football game. **6** During the football season, the poms help cheer on the team.

**7** During halftime, Kelly Keilman and Kathy Bartochowski do toe touches. **8** At the end, the poms finish their dance with a bang.





# BOOSTIN' SCHOOL SPIRIT

**The cheerleaders show what school spirit is all about with enthusiasm and dedication.**

What kind of game was it, if you didn't have spirit? Our Merrillville cheerleaders carried that spirit throughout the year for everyone. They worked to change everyone's moods, and enhance the evening for us.

Our Merrillville Cheerleaders had a great deal of energy this year. They did a great job to enthuse our fans and our players. By showing their support, they contributed to our teams' play.

Our cheerleaders put in their dedication, effort, and time to perform their best. Most students didn't recognize that cheerleading involved hours of practice. At the same time, the cheerleaders tried to have fun.

Reenee Reyes, '98, said, "We just try our best, and have fun with in. If we take our mistakes to the hearts at performing time, we would never improve ourselves. That's why no matter what, we always have fun."

The cheerleaders perform at every football and boys' basketball game. They also tried to make appearances at some other sporting events.

The cheerleaders also competed in a COED competition placing first and second. Jenni Pedroza, '99, commented, "Our season went good. We had a great time including competition. We always pulled together. Cheerleading is a lot harder than it looks."

Katie Taylor, '99, added, "We did good; we improved a lot. I'm glad that we got more guys involved in competition."

by Helen Andreatos and Dede Makarounas

**1** Ryan Fasel proudly waves the Pirate flag during half time. **2** Cheerleaders work to get the fans into the game. **3** Katie Taylor cheers from her perch on top of her stunt partner's hands. **4** Cheerleaders perform one of their routines. It takes hours of practice to perfect the routines. **5** Cheerleaders show their support as the players are introduced. **6** Our Pirate mascot takes the field to get the crowd going before the game. **7** Cheerleading enthusiastically during a home game, cheerleaders have to keep going in spite of apathetic fans and bad weather. **8** Jessica Reed and Ann Wojtowicz work to boost school spirit.







# GROUP RATES FIRST

**Orchestra gets first rating at ISSMA and wins a record 57 gold medals and eight silver medals.**



This year, the orchestra received a first rating at the ISSMA contest. This proved that the orchestra improved from last year. There were 17 events in which they received a first rating with 57 gold medals. Eight events got them a second place with eight silver medals. In addition, twelve of the solo and ensemble groups qualified for state. This was the most orchestra has ever had qualify.

On May 13, awards were given out. Among those who received awards were Jennifer Beaty, '98, who won the National School Orchestra Award and lettered with the most orchestra points. Katherine Castro, '01, won Outstanding Freshman, and Natalie Lindsey, '00, won Most Improved.

Besides these awards, One student, Tom Escott, '00, had the opportunity to travel to Italy. He attended the Rome Festival where he performed in concerts almost every night. He also participated in two operas, had a solo debut, and played a concerto with the cello teacher.

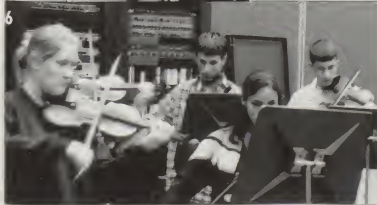
His feelings about the trip were those of any tourist. "The food was a big shock. It was so good. And the weather was strange. It never rained, and it was always hot."

The orchestra not only performs classical music, they also do songs from movies and fiddle tunes. The groups perform for school events including the Roots and Wings Dinner, for National Honor Society induction ceremonies, and for Baccalaureate. The groups also do several community performances like weddings and spaghetti dinners.

In addition, many of the orchestra students play in the Northwest Indiana Youth Orchestra in Munster. Kristina Berta, '99, was one of the students who was in the Youth Orchestra.

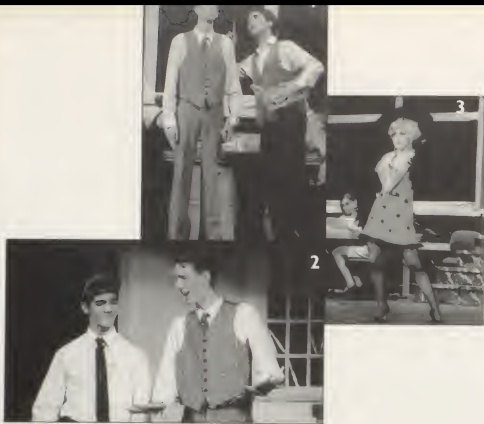
Whether the orchestra practiced in school or not, the group achieved a commitment and dedication to their music. They were successful at working together as a team as well.

by Deanna Semovski and Maria Halkias



1 Jenny Beaty and Claire Slivka concentration on following Director Barbara Timmerman during a practice for Baccalaureate. 2 Claire Slivka concentra tes on her music as the orchestra practices sight reading. 3 Jason Sims and Angela Sajdera follow the music carefully as they learn a new piece. 4 Glenn Smith draws his bow across the strings as music fills the room and also the hallway. 5 A cello quartet practices for the Solo and Ensemble competition. 6 Tiffany Greene and Maria Toledo show the concentration it takes to play music.





# MUSIC TO MY EARS

This year's choir had a little twist in their '97-'98 season. The choir, with directing assistance from Drama teacher Beverley Seaver, did their first ever choir musical, "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying" in October.

"It was different than your usual Benefit Concert. Being in a musical was a lot of hard work, but once we actually got to perform it, it turned out to be fun. The musical was a huge success," said Tina Karamacoska, '99.

During Christmas, the Show Choirs concentrated on classical music rather than the usual "Jingle Bells." This year the choir did Vivaldi's "Gloria."

They also performed their last performance in May each year. This year's last choir program, "Rock On!", had songs that ranged from the 50's through the 90's.

This Year's I.S.S.M.A contest was held at Rennselear High School. The choir had to sing and sight read before judges. The students were evaluated on a point system where 11 was the best and one was the poorest. The students achieved superior ratings and took first in both categories.

They qualified for state but were unable to go due to the interference of "West Side Story." Not only was the stage tied up preventing them from practicing "How to Succeed in Business," but many of the performers also had parts in "West Side Story."

The Vocalteens had an impressive 40 performances outside of school. Also, they practice twice a week with a hired choreographer to learn dances and attend voice lessons as well.

by Deanna Semovski and Maria Halkias

1 Geoffrey Gooch gives Tom Crane a great idea on how to trick their boss. 2 Crane humors Kevin Santelik with his charming personality. 3 Robin Childress, who plays the role of Heady LaRue, struts her stuff across the stage. 4 At the end, the lead roles take their final bow. 5 The cast screams about their boss stealing their coffee break. 6 Crane and Josh Christoff sing a duet about the business world. 7 The male performers gather in the restroom to listen to Crane describe his success. 8 Tia Krooswyk looks confused by the business world while singing her solo.









# FHA WINS STATE

**Among other achievements, FHA will compete at Nationals.**

FHA exceeded the expectations of the average club. This group led by Family and Consumer Science teachers Carol Von Behren and Maggie Stallings sponsored various dances, participated in competition, and attended district meetings.

The club sponsored the Valentine Inclusion Dance. This dance was a singles dance for students with special needs. The students received goody bags filled with coupons, stuffed animals, and CD's. These party favors were donated by local businesses. Not to mention, each guest received a picture free of charge courtesy of the Student Government.

Other dances, include the all-school Valentine's Dance and Mommy-Daddy Date Night. Each dance had a fairly small turnout, but everyone seemed to enjoy themselves.

In addition, the club had members travel to the Indiana State Competition. Jennifer Kozub, '98, and Dave Mesarch, '00, competed in the entrepreneurship division. In this division, the team created a business plan for a computer consulting business. Their plan won in this very competitive division. They will take it to New Orleans to compete at Nationals in July.

Also, Lacie Hacker and Lauren Hacker, both '01, and Kimberly Kozub, '00, qualified for nationals. Unfortunately, Kimberly Kozub will not be able to attend nationals.

At the Spring Meeting, Dave Mesarch was voted vice president for his district. Because of the resignation of the president, he will move up to fill the position.

**by Christin Cirricione and Jessica Reed**



**1** Jennifer Kozub and Dave Mesarch glow after receiving a first place at the State Competition. **2** Tera Galovic shows her dad how to get down at the dance. **3** Kim Lux and her dad lead the group in the train dance. **4** Couples gathered at the front desk to sign in. **5** Dave Mesarch sells picture coupons to raise money for nationals. **6** During the dance, Jamie Ulbrich enjoys the refreshments with her dad. **7** Giolas helped the couple pose for their pictures. **8** After the awards, the members gathered around the lobby for pictures.

# DANCE TO THE MUSIC

**Students enjoy themselves by dancing at school dances and at Zero Gravity.**

The biggest events of the school year were the dances. Every school year had the traditional dances like Prom, Homecoming and Turnabout. The Valentine's Dance and Mommy-Daddy Date Night also occurred with an annual frequency.

Occasionally a dance had to be cancelled for lack of a sponsor, or in the case of this year's Basketball Homecoming dance, being too close to the Valentine's Dance.

The Valentine's Dance, sponsored by FHA, was actually two events. The first was a dance for inclusion students. It was followed the next night by the Valentine Dance.

Some dances were more formal than others. Homecoming and Turnabout are semiformal while Prom is the formal activity. Students planned and saved for months to pay for that perfect gown or the tux for that magic night. Students also searched for the perfect shoes and jewelry to go with their dress. Unfortunately, the expense sometimes kept some students from attending Prom.

More students could afford to go to the less formal events where church clothes were the rule of thumb. Sometimes clubs planned after game dances which were informal allowing students of all ages to attend in school clothes. Students paid a few dollars to dance to the music of a DJ after a basketball game.

When the school sponsored events ran out, students now had the option of spending an evening at Zero Gravity. The non-alcoholic night club opened before Thanksgiving providing teenagers another place to get down until curfew. Although many teens seemed to enjoy it, the cover charge was a stumbling block for others.

**1** Students dance at the annual Homecoming dance. **2** Students help themselves to the refreshments at Turnabout. **3** Dancing to a slow song at Turnabout let's students get close. **4** Students check out the balloons at the Homecoming dance. **5** Students enjoy the food at Prom with their friends. **6** Dancing close never goes out of style as students enjoy Turnabout. **7** Students have a good time dancing with friends at the Homecoming dance. **8** Students received socks as a favor for the first ever Homecoming dance in the Fieldhouse.









# TAUGHT BY FEA



FEA, or the long version, Future Educators of America was a small club. On every other Wednesday, 12 members met after school. The club had no officers; they believed that every member had an equal say, and no one's opinion had any more power than the next.

Some students really didn't know what FEA was about. It was for the students who wanted to have a career as an educator. They had a job shadowing day, when the members went to another school and taught a class for the day. They taught a lesson plan and went through the day as a normal teacher. They learned about what it took to be a teacher. They also found out what qualities a successful teacher needed to possess, and they also got to observe some teachers.

Another project they did was sponsoring the Turnabout Dance. Also, every year they did something special for our own teachers during Teacher Appreciation Week.

First year sponsor Patti Dudak thought FEA made a strong name for themselves this year. FEA tried to give students an idea of what it was like being a teacher to be a teacher.

Paula Lopes, '99, said, "The reason I am in FEA is because I want to be a teacher, a dance teacher. The job shadowing was fun. I never really talked to the teacher before it, but it was still fun. I got to grade papers and stuff like that."

Also this year, FEA sponsored the Turnabout Dance. This year the dance was held on December 13. The theme of the dance was "All I want for Christmas Is You." It was held in the cafeteria and with D.J. Kevin Mehay providing the music.

by Marisa Van Volkenburgh



1 "All I want for Christmas is You" runs through the minds of the dancer at the FEA dance. 2 Jeremy Rick shows his stuff as he grooves on the dance floor at Turabout. 3 At the FEA End of the Year Banquet, the members smile as they enjoy their meal. 4 Dancers get down and get low as they do the electric slide. 5 Sandy Damjanoski and Jenny Chung listen carefully as club sponsor Patti Dudak talks about plans for the upcoming year. 6 Dana Gombus dances close to her date at Turnabout. 7 Kira Scheub tells Paula Lopes a story about her experience during the job shadowing day. 8 Party goes dance to music by DJ Kevin Mehay.





## a **SURPRISE** in every **DIRECTION**

An unidentified man helps direct traffic as severe weather threatens to shutdown Northwest Indiana. Merrillville Community School Corporation had no classes for a week as workers attempted to return life to normal.

Who could have predicted the **SURPRISING** changes this year? Changes occurred in the entertainment we enjoyed and the people who made things happen.

We were **SURPRISED** by the tragic death of Princess Diana, but we were not **SURPRISED** by the way people around the world mourned her passing.

Then only weeks later the world was grieved by the death of Mother Theresa.

On the entertainment front we had some **SURPRISES** too. Jerry Seinfeld decided he'd had enough of his hit show. We listened to the hype for weeks only to have the last episode fail to meet our expectations.

This was the year of animation as *South Park* took the teenage world by storm. Although some adults hated it, teens loved its raucous humor.

The movie of the year was *Titanic*. It won a record number of Academy Awards. Although many students saw it more than once, it was around long enough for us to get sick of it.

Still in the field of music, many people were **SURPRISED** when Veruca Salt broke up. Others were **SURPRISED** by the interest in swing.

In all, it was a year of **SURPRISES**.

by **Cathy Snelson**

# WHAT'S HOT

## ALLY MC BEAL

Ally Mc Beal, a new television series, portrayed the life of a modern day woman. This humorous episode revolved around the life of a successful attorney. She was in a partnership with a male, and they addressed cases as a team.

During the show, Ally expressed many of her personal thoughts. For instance, a particular show included a dancing baby. This hallucination explained her feelings about a certain man in her life. In another show, an attractive man walked past. Her reaction was an image of her tongue rolling to the floor.

The Fox Network made numerous attempts to be politically correct. For example, this young successful woman was financially independent. She shared an apartment with a young black female. The producers tried to show both cultures living together in harmony. Another example was the way Ally had complete control of her life. She decided how she handled a case, what she did in her spare time, and who she spent her time with.

## DAWSON'S CREEK

This year the WB network came out with a new hit television series. Dawson's Creek was a hit right from the start. However, the people playing the cast were much older than the fifteen year-old characters they were portrayed as.

The show flip-flopped nights every week. But whatever night it showed, people were glued to the TV.

The main characters were Dawson, Jen, Pacey, and Joey. This show was a type of teenage soap with a little twist. In the beginning, Dawson was after Jen, but Joey was in love with Dawson. Pacey was in his own league. Pacey was sleeping with his English teacher.

In one Saturday detention episode they almost lost all their friendships. (It was kind of like a version of The Breakfast Club.) Joey was in love with Dawson, but Dawson and Jen were going out. But playing a little game of truth or dare, Jen and Pacey kissed, but Dawson and Joey kissed for even longer. It was no secret that Joey did not like Jen at all.

1 The cast of Dawson's Creek poses for a group picture to promote their new show. 2 Members of the show Ally McBeal take a group picture in their office. 3 Funny guy Drew Carrey and his hit sitcom get him to act more relaxed around the press. 4 The Seinfeld gang takes one of their last group pictures together as the show ended this year. 5 The X-Files show was still a hot topic with people who were into that kind of science fiction, action type shows. It even became a movie at the beginning of the summer.



## Who said that there's



## Television





never anything new to watch on television anymore?



## Ska

*This past year brought a change to the world of music. It brought back a style that was thought to have been lost forever.*

## Different

*Music today was very different from when we were young. It had gotten a techno sound to it.*



## Rap

*Puff Daddy showed how different rap stars could be throughout this year he not only made a slow song, but he dedicated it to the late Notorious B.I.G. He also accomplished an alternative song, and did a song for the movie Godzilla. He also had a lot of success in the music business.*



Music today will soon become the music of yesterday.

## MUSIC

# Veruca Salt Breaks Up

In 1994, Veruca Salt rocked the radio stations with their hit single "Seether," from their album *American Thighs*. To continue this brilliant record, they came out with *Eight Arms To Hold You* in 1997.

Veruca Salt toured the world jamming out to young girls who admired Nina Gordon and Louise Post's heart wrenching guitar playing.

Who said girls can't play guitar? Post did her lead in "Volcano Girls," and how many girls could bust out a solo. They might not know everything about music, but they sure knew how to play to an audience.

In the month of February rumors were flying that Veruca Salt had broken up. The rumors were true, and no one was really sure what happened to one of the greatest bands led by two women.

It is said that Gordon and Post will pursue their own solo careers in the near future.

Who knows how their music will sound without each other because they were musical soulmates?

## Before the breakup

*In happier days, Veruca Salt's Nina Gordon and Louise Post mug for the cameras. The two women have decided to go their own ways.*





## Titanic

Christmas Break was when this Golden Globe and Oscar winner hit the movies. *Titanic* came out on December 17. The frustration of the sold out movie theater and the never ending lines was worth the wait to see this three and a half hour flick.

The story started out when a scavenger explored the sunken ship, *Titanic*. His goal was to find the elegant diamond necklace called the "Heart of the Ocean." The only key to find it was a 100 year-old lady named Rose (her younger self was played by newcomer Kate Winslet). As she recapped the tragedy of her experience, she remembered Jack (played by Leonardo DiCaprio). When she told her story, it was much more than just a ship sinking. It was about cultures clashing between the third class passengers and the first class passengers.



# NEW ST

HOLLYWOOD ACTUALLY CHANGED THE TYPE OF MOVIES PEOPLE COULD



## Flubber

What did you get when you added an absent-minded professor and flying green goo? It had to be *Flubber* in this remake of *The Absent-Minded Professor*. This movie hit theaters on the Thanksgiving weekend.

The story began with a reminder that Professor Brainard, played by Robin Williams, was getting married that afternoon. However, when he got home, he started experimenting on a project. Meanwhile, an explosion caused green goo to fly around the room. He discovered flubber, but forgot Helen at the altar for the third time.

A subplot was been added when the star of "Medford College" basketball team was kicked off the team because he failed science. At this point two criminals plotted to steal the flubber and Professor Brainard plotted to us it to win the basketball game. He also had to figure out a way to win back Helen.

Although *Flubber* was a minor success, Williams had a good year winning an Oscar for his work in *Good Will Hunting*.



## Spice World

1997's biggest surprise in trends came with the Spice Girls. Five new girls, Sporty, Baby, Ginger, Posch, and Scary, from Great Britain stormed onto the scene and blew out just as fast.

Scantly clad women who supposedly stood for "girl power," just couldn't withstand the criticism. They didn't care about the criticism. They were just all about having fun. And their movie? A musical flop that had a limited, boring, and put me to sleep plot. The newest news was that Ginger Spice leaving was leaving the group. But where's the Spice without Ginger?

# YLE

SEE AND DECLARED FEW ALIEN INVASIONS.

1 *Titanic* became a box office smash hit over night. In fact, the Oscar winner for best picture was the top grossing movie of all time. 2 *Sphere* was a different type of action movie based on Michael Crichton's book. 3 Micheal Keaton does it again with *Extreme Measures*. 4 *The Spice Girls* came out of nowhere and have now hit the top with *Spice World*. 5 *Blues Brothers 2000* was a sequel that never quite made it. 6 *Godzilla* caused a change of pace in the box office when it made it's way back to the big screen. 7 *Grease* came back to the big screen to celebrate it's 20th anniversary. Lines of fans dressed up like their favorite characters and waited in long lines to buy tickets.





## VIOLENCE AT SCHOOL

The first school shooting of the year took place in Pearl, Mississippi in October. However, it was the first of many incidents around the nation.

In one incident armed students pulled a fire alarm and gunned down students and teachers leaving the building. In another shooting, a teenager pulled out a .22 caliber rifle in the school lunch room and killed two students while injuring 20 others. The 15 year-old accused of that shooting also was accused of killing his parents.

Northwest Indiana has not been immune to the growing problem. Early in the school year a pregnant girl was shot and killed at a Gary football game.

1 The world waited to see how China would react to the death of its liberal leader Deng Xiaoping. 2 The Ramsey's plead for information about the murder of their daughter JonBenet. 3 President Bill Clinton was embroiled in scandals regarding Paula Jones and Monica Lewinsky. 4 Bill Cosby's son Ennis was murdered when he stopped to change a flat tire. 5 Chelsea Clinton matriculated from the White House to Stanford.





## Bombing Trial

On April 19, 1995, one of the largest tragedies of the year occurred. The Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building was destroyed by a bomb blast that took the lives of 168 people. Timothy McVeigh, a twenty nine year-old Gulf War veteran, was arrested and put on trial for the bombing. Judge Richard Matsch presided over the case.

After hearing heart-wrenching testimony from survivor's and victim's families, a jury of seven men and five women made the decision to sentence McVeigh to death by lethal injection. Families of victims and victims themselves feel that "the punishment fit the crime."



# IT'S HARD TO Say

## IT'S OVER

*The world mourned many famous people. Perhaps the most horrifying was the death of Princess Diana in a traffic accident. Her brother the Earl of Spencer joined Prince Charles and Princes William and Harry in her funeral procession.*



# Goodbye

On August 31, 1997, England's rose-Princess Diana of Wales ended her life in a tragic car accident in Paris, France, along with her current lover Dodi Fayed, at the age of 36. Princess Di's death was probably one of the most shocking and highlighted story of the year. Millions watched on TV, as Princess Di's body was taken away to her final resting place in Northamptonshire's green hills six days later.

"DIANA!", "We love you, Diana," and "Goodbye" pierced through the silence as the cortege was being taken to Westminster Abbey for official rites. Her sons, Princes William and Harry followed their mother's coffin looking down instead of at the crowd. Although they appeared not to have shed a tear, their hearts indeed cried out for their mother who will no longer be with them.

At her funeral, her friend Elton John sang a rewritten version of his popular ballad "Candle in the Wind" which he titled "Goodbye England's Rose." It was later released to make money for the many charities Diana had supported during her lifetime.

## Last Walk

The casket of Princess Diana is draped in the Royal Standard (flag) of Queen Elizabeth II and covered in flowers from her sons and her brother. It is carried down the streets lined by millions of mourners to Westminster Abbey for her funeral.

No one ever wants to have to say goodbye to their loved ones.



**Under Sea**  
Jacques Costeau, who developed the aqualung with his partner died at the age of 87. He explored many seas and produced countless documentaries such as *The Undersea World of Jacques Costeau*.



**Sir Paul**  
Paul McCartney was knighted by Queen Elizabeth II for his contributions to music. A short time later, his wife Linda lost her battle with cancer. Linda McCartney is remembered as an animal rights activist and as a famous vegetarian.



**M o t h e r Theresa**  
Mother Theresa will be mourned by the poor of Calcutta. She spent her life taking care of the poor. Her religious order vows to continue the work that she started.



## DOGS SEARCH

The first some students and teachers were aware that police dogs were searching the parking lots for drugs was the PA announcement made by Principal Forrest Rhode, but others sat in their classrooms and watched.

According to Rhode, the search was used to figure out if MHS had a drug problem, and what could be done to keep the school environment clean.

Rhode explained, "We have had a few marijuana incidents lately at MHS; however, the decision was made several months ago as a preventive measure."

He added, "This was not all of the sudden. Again a preventive pro-active approach was to demonstrate to our school community that we want a drug free school."

"The decision was made to sweep the parking lot first, then go from that point," said Rhode. This was why the dogs were not brought into the school to check for drugs.

Canine unit drug searches have been used in several other schools in Northwest Indiana in the past few years.

Rhode replied, "We were pleased no illegal drugs were found. We were hoping for that to occur." Because the dogs "hit" on three cars, the students were pulled out of class to have the inside of the their cars checked, but no drugs were found.

Rhode said that future searches are "a process we will take one step at a time."

He added, "Hopefully the message is: the MHS community -- students, staff, parents want a drug free environment."

## FIRST TOUR

Spanish teachers Josefina Porapat and Evelyn Steiner took third and fourth year Spanish students for a nine day tour of Spain during Spring Break.

Julian Anaya, Cortney Lamprecht, Joel Sanchez and Pam Niksch joined groups of students from five different schools in the United States on a tour of Spain.

Most of their time in Spain was spent sightseeing. Arriving in Malaga, Spain, after an eight hour plane ride, the group started their tour in Costa del Sol, moving on to Seville and finally ending the trip in Madrid.

The group was able to visit different museums, castles and palaces. At Seville they were introduced to flamenco music and dancing.

The students were not required to speak Spanish, but they said it was fun to try.

Lamprecht commented, "Whenever we had free time, we usually wanted to shop or go looking around." Lamprecht alone spent over \$150 on souvenirs.

This was the first year that the Spanish classes took a group of students to Spain.

"It was great. The kids were responsible, always on time, and great sports for trying new ideas," said Steiner. She added, "We will do it again next year."







## NEW PENALTIES

The Merrillville Community School Corporation Board of Trustees put its foot down about smoking in the school.

As a result of new legislation by the state, the school was allowed to ticket anyone under the age of 18 who was caught smoking on school grounds. Those students who were ticketed had to appear at court with their parents. There they were fined up to \$500 plus court costs.

This new rule did not delete the school penalties. This was in addition to the penalties listed in the Pirate Planner and habitual offenders might be required to report to anti-smoking programs.

Administrators called the authorities when an incident occurred. "This sends a message that the community and the school board are working together to stop this," assured Principal Forrest Rhode. Not only does the School Board and the community stand against tobacco use at the school, but the Student Advisory Board was disgusted with the way other students have abused the school.

1 Northwest Indiana residents battled snow so bad the police asked motorists to stay home. 2 Spanish teachers Evelyn Steiner and Josefina Poropat and their students toured Spain during Spring Break. 3 Auto shop teacher Jim Johnston visits a roadside stand in Ecuador with Jimm Stack. Johnston's Christmas break was extended because of a dog bite.





## a **SURPRISE** in every DIRECTION

People at MHS participate in all kinds of activities. The pep band plays at home basketball games and other events. Members work with the cheerleaders to keep spirit high.

Many people were **SURPRISE** when pictures for ID cards and the *Merrillvue* were taken during early registration. Students were able to pay their book rental, pick up their schedule and get yearbook pictures taken all before attending a class.

It was still more **SURPRISING** when the ID's the school had been promised in a couple of weeks took until the end of the first semester to arrive. Some students were **SURPRISE** to ever receive one.

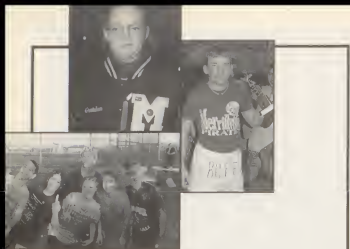
However, an ID check later in the year forced students to replace lost ID's

or break down and have on made or face the penalty, detention.

Nevertheless, the **SURPRISING** number of students here need their ID's to use the library or even to get in to a dance. Increased enrollment and the need to provide safety for students, faculty and administrators made ID's a necessity.

As the school year passed and more and more violence took place in schools across the country, students began to understand and the renewed emphasis on ID's was no **SURPRISE**.

by Catherine Snelson



## What's your favorite cartoon of all time?

"Garfield."  
David Robbins, '00



"Scooby Doo."  
Nick Yurva, '98

"Eek the Cat."  
John Karson, '99



"Tom and Jerry."  
Nick Hidalgo, '01

"Life with Louie."  
Sheldon Floyd,  
Faculty



**La'Tonzia L. Adams-CPC 12;**  
French Club 9,10,11 officer 12; Jazz  
Impact 9,11,12; Pirate Radio 9,10,11,12;  
PNN 9,10,11,12; Q&S 11,12; Speech  
Team 11; Student Government 9,10;  
Student Manager (Basketball) 10;  
Teacher's Aide 12; WMHS 9,10,11,12;  
producer 10; Pep Band 11,12.  
**Anthony Aguilera- Football 12;**  
Track 12. **Jorge Alcocer III.**

**Quinton Allen- Baseball**  
9,10,11,12; Basketball 9,10,11,12; PNN  
12; WMHS 12. **Eugenio**  
**Alvarez. Michael Analerio-**  
Football 9; Golf 9,10,11 Captain 12;  
Super Fans 9,10,11,12; Teacher's Aide  
10,12.

**Juan Manuel Anaya Jr. Band**  
9,10,11,12; Marching Band 9,10,11,12;  
Pep Band 9,10,11,12; Drum Major  
11,12; Jazz Impact 11,12; Student  
Government 10,11; Teacher's Aide 12.  
**Eleni Andreatos- FEA 9;**  
Newspaper 11,12; Photographer 11,12;  
Business Manager 12; SADD 11,12;  
Teacher's Aide 12; Yearbook 11,12;  
Photographer 12. **George Anton.**

**Alfred Arana III. Corrin M.**  
**Argenta- NHS 11,12; Student**  
Government 9; Swimming 9,10,11  
Captain 12. **Tracy Armstrong-**  
Office Aide 12; SADD 12; Teacher's  
Aide 10.

**Michael K. Arroyo- Band**  
9,11,12; Baseball 9,10; Football  
Captain 9; Quest Club 10; Spanish Club  
9; Wrestling Captain 9. **Jennifer**  
**Ashe. Matt Aubin Baseball 9,**  
10, 11, 12; Football 9; Super Fans 12.

**Ilija Babich. Stephanie**  
**Marie Badylak- Environmental**  
Club 12; German Club 10,11,12; NJHS  
11; NHS 11,12; Orchestra 9,10,11,12;  
Pirate Radio 10,11,12; PNN 10,11,12;  
Soccer 11,12; Swimming 9,10,11,12;  
Teacher's Aide 9; Tennis 12; Track 9;  
WMHS 9,10,11,12; Productions  
Producer 11; Community Theater  
11,12; Choir-Tech 11,12. **Elisa**  
**Baez- Flag Corps 10,11, Captain 12;**  
NJHS 9,10; NHS 11,12; Softball 9;  
Volleyball 9,10; Guidance Aide 12.







**Julie M. Bane**- Orchestra 9,10,11,12; PNN 11; Teacher's Aide 12. **Kathleen Mary Bartochowski**- Band 9,10,11,12; NJHS 9,10; NHS 11,12; Pom-pons 9,10; Secretary 11, Captain 12; Spanish Club 11, Officer 12; SADD 12; Student Government 11,12. **Jonathan Bassett**- Band 9,10,11,12; Cross Country 10,11; FCA 9; Jazz Impact 12; Basketball Manager 11; Super Fans 12. **Eric Beale**- Art Club 12; Wrestling 9,10,11. **Jennifer Ann Michael Beaty**- Academic Decathlon Team 11, Captain 12; CPC 12; Choir 11,12; Drama Club 9,10,11,12; Fall Play 10; Orchestra 9,10,11,12; Powder Puff Football 9, Captain 10 and 11; Prom Committee 11; Revue 12; Show Choir 11,12; Speech Team 12; Spring Musical 9,10; SAC 9,10; Super Quiz Team 12; Teacher's Aide 12; Thespians 9,10,11,12; I.S.S.M.A. 9,10,11,12; Fall Musical 12; Super Bowl 12.



**Carolyn M. Bednash**- Office Aide 11; Powder Puff Football 9,10,11; Teacher's Aide 12. **Kalle Bejstam**- Basketball 12. **Jeffrey M. Berdine**- Office Aide 12; Track 10. **Sam Berkman**- Baseball 9,10,11,12; BPA 12; Football 9,10,11,12; SADD 11,12; Teacher's Aide 9,10,11. **Elena Bielawski**- Choir 9,10,11,12; Drama Club 12; Homecoming Court (Basketball) 10; Office Aide 12; Show Choir 10,11,12; SADD 11; Student Government 9; Volleyball 9,10,11.



**Tiffany Nicole Blakemore**- Powder Puff Football 11; Quest Club 11; Revue 10; SADD 11. **Alicia Lourdes Blondet**- BPA 12. **Elizabeth Bobos**- Class Officer 9,10,11; Choir 9; NHS 11,12; Powder Puff Football 9,10,11; SADD 12; Student Government 9,10,11,12; Student Manager (Boys Tennis) 12; Tennis 9,10,11, captain 12. **Ronald Bolden. LaWanda Borom**.



**Rebecca Suzanne Bosch**- Cross Country 11, captain 12; FEA 10; NJHS 9,10; NHS 11,12; Powder Puff Football 10; SADD 12; Student Government 9,11,12; Track 10,11,12. **Jamaal Boudreaux. T.J. Boyd**- Football 9,10,11,12; Track 12. **Christin Brakley**- Powder Puff Football 11; Student Manager (Football) 10. **Anita Marie Briggs**- CPC 12; NHS 11,12; Powder Puff Football 11; SADD 12; Student Government 9,10,11,12; Super Fans 11,12; Teacher's Aide 12.



**Ranie Marie Brodner**- Drama Club 9; HJHS 9,10; NHS 11,12; Powder Puff Football 9,10,11; Student Government 11,12. **Ann Marie Bronowski**- NHS 11,12; Natural Helpers 10; Pom-pons 10; Powder Puff Football 11, Prom Committee 11; SADD 11,12; Student Government 10,11,12; Teacher's Aide 12. **Elizabeth Anne Brown**- choir 9,10,11,12; Drama Club 9,10,11,12; Fall Play 10,11; Key Club 10; Pirate Radio 10; PNN 9,10; Revue 12; Show Choir 9,10,11,12; Spell Bowl Team 9, 10; Spring Musical 9, 10, 12; Sport Manager (Wrestling) 10; Teacher's Aide 9. **Sarah D. Brown. Solomon Brown**- National Honor Society 11, 12.



**Fredrick Buck. Stephanie Bulanda**- Band, 9, 10, 11, 12; Office Aide 9; Orchestra 12; Pom-pons 9; Teacher's Aide 12. **Kelly Burke. Maja Businoska. Andrew J. Byrom**.



**Robert Cagle.** William M. Campbell. **Katy Cantrell-** Drama Club 9, 10, 11, 12; Fall Play 9, 10, 11, 12; Newspaper 11, Editor-in-chief 12; Quill and Scroll 11, 12; Revue 10, 11, 12; Speech Team 10, 11, 12; Spring Musical 9, 10, 12; Thespians 10, 11, 12. **Richie Carden.** **Jason Rashad Carr-** Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12; JV Captain 9, 10, 11; Cross Country 9, 10, 11, 12; Football 9; Quest Club 12; Show Choir 9.

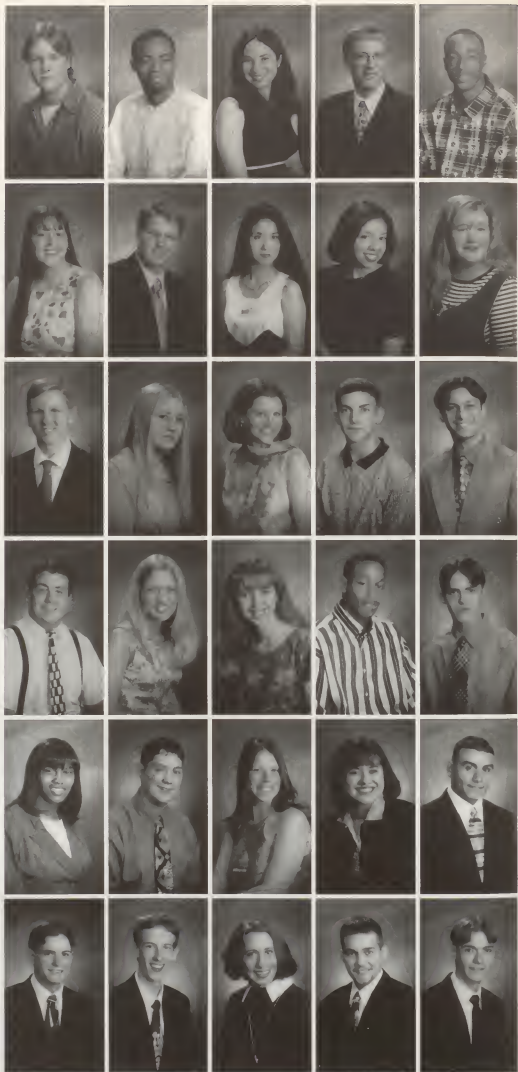
**Heather Alain Carter-** PNN 10; Powder Puff Football 9,10,11; Prom Committee 11; Teacher's Aide 9,10,12. **John Casteel.** **Rose Castillo-** Band 9,10,11,12; Jazz Impact 10,11,12; Marching Band 10,11,12; Pep Band 10,11,12; Pirate Radio 10,11,12; PNN 10,11,12; Track 9,10; WMHS Productions 10,11,12. **Elaine Genevieve Castro-** Cheerleading 9; Choir 9,10,11,12; Debate 12; Drama Club 9,10,11,12; Drama Club Officer 12; Fall Play 11,12; Prom Committee 11; Show Choir 10, 11, 12; Spring Musical 9,10,11,12; Thespians 9,10,11,12; Thespians Officer 12; Vocal Teens 11,12. **Betty Cather.**

**James A. Cermack-** Choir 9,10,11,12; Debate 12; Drama Club 9,10,11,12; Fall Play 10,11,12; FCA 10,11; Pirate Radio 9,10,11; PNN 9,10,11; Revue 10,11,12; Show Choir 10,11,12; Speech Team 12; Spring Musical 9,10,11,12; Student Government 9,10; Teacher's Aide 9,10,11,12; Thespians 9,10,11,12; Vocal Teens 10,11,12; WMHS Productions 10,11; Producer 11. **Shelly Chambers.** **Michelle Chandler-** Choir 9,10; HERO 12; Teacher's Aide 10,11. **Brian W. Chapman.** **Muhammad Ubaid Chaudhary.**

**Joshua Steven Christoff-** Choir 11,12; Drama Club 9,10,11,12; Fall Play 10,11,12; Morning Announcer 12; PNN 9; Show Choir 11,12; Spanish Club 9; Spring Musical 9,10,11,12; Student Government 9,10,11; Thespians 9,10, 11, 12. **Christin Nicole Cirrincione-** Cheerleading 9,11; Captain 10; Choir 9; Homecoming Court (Basketball) 9,10,11; Homecoming Princess (Basketball) 11; Prom Court 11; SADD 12; Student Government 12; Teacher's Aide 10,12; Yearbook 12. **Kimberly Anne Louise Clark-** CPC 9, FCA 10,11,12; FEA 12; French Club 12; NJHS 9,10; NHS 11,12; Pirate Radio 9,10,11,12; PNN 9,10,11,12; Q&S 11,12; Spanish Club 12; Teacher's Aide 12; WMHS Productions 9,10,11,12; WMHS Productions Producer 11,12. **Royal Clark.** **Matthew Clemens.**

**Nakia Clemmons-** Band 9,10,11,12; Basketball 9,10,11,12; Captain 12; Teacher's Aide 11,12. **Ryan Cleveringa.** **April Lynn Connelly-** Band 9,10,11,12; Class Officer 12; CPC 12; Jazz Impact 11,12; Soccer 9,10,11,12; Student Government 10,11,12; Teacher's Aide 12; Track 12. **Amanda K. Cook-** Drama 9; Environmental Club 9; Orchestra 9,10,11; Powder Puff Football 9,10,11. **Jason Daniel Coriano-** Basketball 9,10; Football 9,10,11,12; Track 11,12.

**David Charles Cram-** Choir 9,10,11,12; NJHS 11; NHS 11,12; Vocal Teens 11,12. **Thomas Aaron Crane-** Choir 9,10,11,12; Choir Musical 12; Drama Club 9,10,11,12; Fall Play 10,11,12; Revue 10,12; Show Choir 9,10,11,12; Spring Musical 9,10,11,12; Thespians 9,10,11,12; Vocal Teens 10,11,12. **Niki Crismon-** Cheerleading 9. **Nathan Cross-** HERO 12. **Jeff Cseke.**





**Michael Curtis. Jody**

**Cyphert-** Band 9,10,11,12; FEA 12; Jazz Impact 11; Pirate Radio 10,11; PNN 10,11; Spring Musical 10; Teacher's Aide 11,12; WMHS Productions 10,11; Producer 11.

**Kristian Nicole Darden-**

HERO 11; Pirate Radio 10; PNN 10,11.



**Michael De Courcy-** A.V. Aide 11,12; Pirate Radio (Weather Director) 10; PNN 9,10; Teacher's Aide 10; WMHS Productions Producer 11,12.

**Jack DeHaven-** FCA 11; Golf

9,10,11,12; Tennis 9,10,11,12. **Alicia**

**Christina De Leon-** Gymnastics

9,10,11; Powder Puff Football 9,10,11; SADD 11; Student Government 11,12.



**Cristina De Long-** Office Aide 10; Powder Puff Football 10,11; Yearbook

**12. Craig W. Demaree-**

Baseball 9,10,11,12; Basketball 9,10,11; Football 9,10,11; Captain 12; NHS

**11,12. Angela C. De Souza-**

Cheerleading 10; Choir 9,10,11; HERO 12; Pom-poms 9; Show Choir 11; Spring Musical 11; Track 9,10; Student Manager (Wrestling) 9,10,11.



**Lupka Despotoski-** Office Aide

11; Powder Puff Football 9; SADD 11,12; Soccer 10,11; Teacher's Aide 12.

**Zoran Despotoski. Benito Diaz III.**



**Diana Lynn Dibert-** BPA 12; Choir 10,11; Show Choir 11; Teacher's

**Aide 11. Ashley Beth Dobis-**

Band 9,10,11; Cheerleading 9,10; FEA 10; Homecoming Court (Football) 12; Homecoming Court (Basketball) 11; PNN 12; Prom Queen 11; Softball 9,10,11,12; Student Government 10; Teacher's Aide 12; Volleyball

**9,10,11,12. Doris M. Dobrich-**

Choir 9,10,11; French Club 9,10,11; Officer 12; IU Honors Program 11; NJHS 9,10; NHS 11,12; Powder Puff Football 11; Revue 10; Show Choir 10,11; SADD 12; Teacher's Aide 12; Tennis 9,10.



**Maryth Dorado-** Ambassador 12; Creative Writing Club 12; Powder Puff

**Football 11; Track 9. David**

**Duchscher-** Teacher's Aide 12.

**Lynn Duplaga-** Choir 9; Flag

Corps 10,11; Captain 12; GAPP 11; German Club 9,10; Teacher's Aide 12; Winter Guard 11.



## What do you think of having no homeroom?



"I really don't like it. I don't get to finish my homework."

**Kim Roberts, '00**

"Pretty cool because you get to go right to class and talk to your friends."

**Ed Gomez, '01**



"I don't like it because it was more organized before."

**Lisa Bowen, '99**



"It's stupid. In the first four weeks I got four tardies."

**Beth Scheffer, '98**



"The way we have homeroom now is more organized."

**Mike Krutz, Faculty**





## What is your favorite band and why?

"Fionna Apple because her music is different and meaning ful."

**Jessica Abbott, '01**



"Sublime, because their music reminds me of the summer and driving to the beach with Speedracer."

**Patty Underwood, '99**



"Descendents, because they don't pay attention to the trendy people who like them."

**Adam Shaffer, '98**



"The Cure, because they are funky."

**Courtney Parsons, '00**



"The Chicago Symphony Orchestra, because I like that type of music."

**Jim Edgcomb, Faculty**



**Heather R. Egner-** Band 9,10,11,12; FHA 10,11,12; Officer 11.  
**Matthew Egner.** Joey Eich- Band 9; Football 9.



**Charles Elliott-** Super Fan 10,11,12. **L. Terry Emmons-** Football 11,12; Office Aide 12; PNN 9,10.  
**Clarence English-** Natural Helpers 10,11.



**Grace Rosetta Escamilla-** Choir 9; Office Aide 11; PNN 12; SADD 9,10,11; Spring Musical 9; Teacher's Aide 11; Track 10; Volleyball 9,10,11; WMHS Productions 12; Yearbook 12.  
**Tiffany Essex.** **Jeffrey C. Fairbairn-** Soccer 9,10,11,12; Teacher's Aide 12.



**Anthony Farler.** **Joseph Farley.** **Jermell C. Feagin-** Football 9,10,11,12; Track 9,10,11,12; Captain 12.

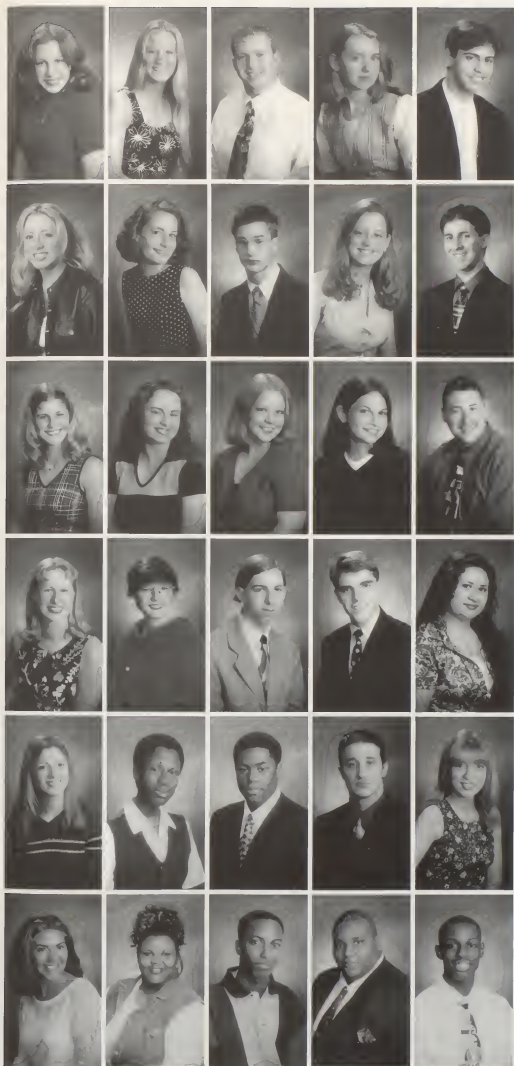


**Melissa Floyd.** **Michael E. Flutka-** Debate 9; NHS 11,12; Orchestra 9,10,11,12; Speech Team 9,10,11; SAC 10,11. **Violaine Fourmon-** IU Honors 11; Teacher's Aide 12.



**Lauren Fralinger-** PNN 11,12; Pom-pons 9,10,11,12; Teacher's Aide 9,10,11,12; WMHS Productions 9,10,11,12; Producers 12. **Josh Francis-** Baseball 9,10,11,12; Basketball 9,10,11; Football 9,10,11,12. **Jason Edward Franzen-** French Club 12; Jazz Impact 12; Morning Announcer 12; NHS 11,12; Newspaper 11; Prom Court 11; Q&S 11; Revue 9; Speech Team 9, Student Manager (Pom-pons) 11; Teacher's Aide 12.





**Barbara Jean Freeman**-Choir 9; Drama Club 9,10,11,12; Fall Play 9,10; German Club 9,12; Key Club 11; Spring Musical 9,10; Student Government 12; Student Manager (wrestling) 10,11.  
**Amie Frey**-Basketball 9,10; Choir 9,10; FHA 11; HERO 12; Powder Puff Football 9,10,11; Spring Musical 9,10; Student Government 9; Super Fans 9; Swimming 9; Teacher's Aide 9,10,11,12. **Dennis Frizzell**-Golf 9,10,11,12. **Kathryn Lynn Gaines**-Choir 9,10,11,12; Drama Club 10,11,12; Fall Play 11; FCA 11,12; NHS 11,12; Pirate Radio 10,11,12; PNN 10,11,12; Q & S 11; Officer 12; Show Choir 12; Soccer 9,10,11; Spanish Club 9,10, Officer 11, 12; Spring Musical 10,11,12; SADD 11,12; Student Government 9,10,11,12; Student Manager Soccer 12; Thespians 10,11,12; WMHS 10, Productions Producer 11, 12.  
**Dan Galic**-NJHS 9,10; NHS 11,12; Science Olympiad 10,11,12; Spanish Club 12; Speech Team 12.

**Annie Gallagher. Lisa M. Garbus. Ryan Germick**-Art Club 10,11,12; Class Officer 12; CWC Officer 11,12; Debate 10,11,12; Drama Club 10; Fall Play 10; MCATF 10; NHS 11,12; Pirate Radio 10; PNN 10,11,12; Revue 11,12; Speech Team 10,11,12; SAC 10,12; Student Government 12; WMHS Productions 10, Producer 11,12; Academic Superbowl 11,12; MCSCIC 12. **Diana Mary Gill**-Basketball 9; NHS11,12; Powder Puff 9,10,11; Student Government 10,11,12; Track 9.  
**Geoffrey Seth Gooch**-Choir 9,10,11,12; Drama Club 9,10; Fall Play 9,10; Pirate Radio 9,10; PNN 9,10,11,12; Show Choir 9,10,11,12; Spring Musical 9,10; Teacher's Aide 11,12; VocalTeens 10,11,12; WMHS Productions 9, Producer 10,11,12.

**Deanna Marie Goodman**-Basketball 9, 10; JETS Officer 12; Morning Announcer 10,11,12; NHS 11, Officer 12; Softball 9, 10, 11, Captain 12; SADD 11,12; Teacher's Aide 11,12; Volleyball 9,10,11, Captain 12. **Jennifer I. Gordon. Elizabeth Faith Gray**-FEA 12; Teacher's Aide 11,12. **Rebecca Greenberg**-Choir 9,10,11,12; German Club 9,10; Natural Helpers 9,10; Pirate Radio 9; PNN 9; Powder Puff 10,11; Revue 10,11,12; Show Choir 11,12; SADD 11; Student Government 10, Officer 11,12; Teacher's Aide 12; VocalTeens 12; GAPP 11; Fall Choir Musical 12. **Eric Greene**-Choir 9, 10,11,12; Super Fans 12.

**Kristina Greene**-Band 9,10,11,12; FCA 11,12; Jazz Impact 10,11,12; Pep Band 9,11,12; Symphony Orchestra 10,11,12; ISSMA 9,10,11,12; All Region Band 9; Section Leader 12; Concert Band 9; Symphonic Band 10,11; Wind Ensemble 12; Marching Band 9,10,11,12. **Mary Beth Gregor**-Office Aide 11,12.  
**Bradley Gregory. Jacob Gross**-JETS 11,12; NHS 11,12; Quiz Bowl Team 11,12; Soccer 9,10,11,12. **Yvonne Michele Guardiola**-Teacher's Aide 12; LULAC Youth Council 10,11,12.

**Angela Guernsey**-Choir 9,10; Office Aide 10; Softball 9,10.  
**Brian Gueyser. Aaron Guice. James Anthony Christian Haley**-BPA 12; Newspaper 11; Revue 11,12; Student Government 9; Wrestling 9,10,11; Yearbook 11.  
**Maria C. Halkias**-Choir 9; MCATF 11,12; NJHS 9,10; Q & S 12; SAC 10,11; SADD 12; Student Government 9; Yearbook 12.

**Diana Therese Hammer**-Choir 9; FEA 9; Key Club 9,10; Office Aide 12; PNN 12; Pom-poms 9,10,11,12; Quest Club 12; Revue 10; Show Choir 10,11; Teacher's Aide 10. **Monique Nakia Harbin**-Band 9,10,11. **Joseph Harbour. Jacques Dominick Michael Harris**-Class Officer 10; Drama Club 9; Football 10,11,12; Student Government 9,12; Teacher's Aide 12; Track 11,12; Wrestling 9,10,12. **Joshua Harris**.



**Ryan Harter**- Diving 9, 10; Swimming 9, 10. **Deloris Head**- HERO 12; NHS 11, 12; Powder Puff 9, 10. **Ieesha Hearne**- Basketball 9; Softball 9, 10, 11, 12; Teacher's Aide 11, 12. **Christopher J. Hedigan**. **Ginny Heitman**.



**Hollis Henley**, **Erik L. Herbert**- Basketball 9; Football 9, 10, 11; Track 9, 10. **Jesus Antonio Hernandez**- Football 9, 10, 11, 12; Track 11. **Joyce Herrera**- CWC Officer 11, 12; Cross Country 9, 10; FCA 9, 12; Quest Club 11, Officer 12; SADD 12; Teacher's Aide 12; Track 9; Ambassador 10. **Larry Emil Herzog III**- Drama Club 11, 12; Fall Play 11, 12; Newspaper 12; Office Aide 12; Spring Musical 11, 12; Thespians 11, 12; Choir Musical Tech 12.



**James Lee Hester**- SADD 12; Football Student Manager 10; Basketball Student Manager 12; Super Fans 11, 12. **Tonya Hicks**, **Jennifer Hill**- Powder Puff 9. **Megan Hill**. **Brandon Hoffman**.



**Stephanie Ann Hogan**- Choir 9, 10, 11; Drama Club 9, 10, 11; Fall Play 9, 10; FHA 9; HERO 12; NHS 11, 12; Revue 10; Show Choir 10, 11; Spring Musical 9; Thespians 9, 10, 11, 12. **Nicholas Holm**, **Daniela Honold**- Exchange Student from Germany 12; Newspaper 12. **Lori Hoover**- Powder Puff 9, 11; Softball 9, 10, 11. **David Hosler**- Yearbook 12.



**Danielle Marie Houck**- FEA 9; Powder Puff 9, 10, 11; Student Government 9, 10; Track 9, 10. **Shannon R. Houck**- German Club 9; HERO 12; Powder Puff 9, 10, 11; Student Government 9; Football Student Manager 12; Teacher's Aide 10; Track 9, 10, 12. **Jennifer Hummel**, **Mike Hunke**- Football 9; Wrestling 9, 10. **Michael Igarta**- Class Officer 9; JETS 12; NHS 11, Officer 12; Natural Helpers 10, 11, 12; Speech Team 9; SAC 9; Student Government 9, 10, 11; Tennis 9, 10, 11; Track 10, 11.



**Bernetta Jackson**, **Jason G. Jackson**- BPA 11, 12. **Cindy Jakubin**, **David E. Janda**- Choir 9; Football 9; Building Trades 12. **Bill Janowsky**- Building Trades 12.







**Ebonie Johnson.**  
**Erisharon DeCarlo**  
**Johnson-** Homecoming Queen  
 Football 12; Prom Court 11; Speech  
 Team 12; Student Government  
 9,10,11,12; Athletic Trainer 11.  
**Mary Margaret Johnson-**  
 Academic Decathlon Team 12; Band  
 9,10,11,12; Drama Club 10,11,12; Fall  
 Play 10,11,12; Revue 11,12; Soccer  
 9,10; Spring Musical 10,11,12;  
 Thespians 10,11,12.



**Nikita L. Johnson.**  
**September Lyn Johnson-**  
 French Club 9; Powder Puff 9,10,11;  
 Swimming 9; Teacher's Aide  
 9,10,11,12. **Sherwin Johnson-**  
 Basketball 9,10,11.



**Ta Mara Johnson-** Choir  
 9,10,11; Newspaper 12; Track 11.  
**Matthew Johnston-** Cross  
 Country 9,10,11; NHS 11,12; SADD 12;  
 Student Government 12; Super Fans  
 12; Track 9,10. **Edward Jones.**



**Romell Jones. Nenad**  
**Jovanovic. Alexander**  
**Jovanovich.**



**LaDonna Julkes. Nicole S.**  
**Karabetsos. Kayvon**  
**Karimi-** Soccer 9,10,11,12; Super  
 Fans 10,11,12.



**Steven Karson-** Choir 11,12;  
 Soccer 9,10,11,12; Super Fans 11,12.  
**Stacy Kasch. Stephen**  
**Kavois-** Band 9,10; JETS 11,12;  
 NHS 11,12; Quiz Bowl Team 11; Soccer  
 9,10,11, Captain 12.



## What was your most embarrassing moment?



"In cheerleading I was on the bottom of a mount. I fell and the whole mount fell on me."

**Janice Garcia, '00**



"Riding down an elevator at Star Plaza in my PJ's."

**Clarence English, '98**



"At a freshman volleyball game, I fell off the bus in front of the Crown Point football team."

**Kami West, '99**



"In the first day of sixth grade, some little girl bagged me in front of everyone."

**Adam Sowinski, 01**



"During a game, my assistant coach became excited and elbowed me in the nose. I had to finish the game with a huge towel over my nose."

**Jim East, Faculty**

## What's your favorite saying?

"Rock on."

**Lisa Modglin, '98**



"War is costly;  
peace is priceless."  
**Nancy Jakubin, '99**



"You only get out  
of life what you  
put in it."

**Antoine Gaines, '00**



"You don't win  
second; you  
win first."  
**Laura Jostes, '01**



"Working hard, not  
hardly working."  
**Carrie Miller, Faculty**



**Deidra A. Keilman**- Band  
9,10,11,12; Diving 9,10; HERO 12; Key  
Club 10, Officer 11; Swimming 9; Pep  
Band 9; Police Cadet 9,10,11,12.

**Kelly J. Keilman**- CPC 12; FEA  
10; NJHS 9,10; NHS 11,12; Pom-poms  
9,10,11, Captain 12; Spanish Club  
Officer 11,12; SADD 11,12; Student  
Government 10,11,12.

**Chavon Kelly**.

**Andrew M. Kendera II**- CWC  
10,11; JETS 12; Quiz Bowl Team 11.

**Mashelle Lynne Kienzl**- Pom-  
poms 11. **Enoch Jay Kimbrew**-  
Debate 11; Football 9; Office Aide.

**Nicole King**- Debate 12; Drama  
Club 9; Speech Team 9,12; Volleyball 9.

**April M. Kiszka**- Powder Puff  
Football 11; Teacher's Aide 12.

**Jennifer Klajich**- CWC 9;  
Powder Puff Football 10,11; Student  
Manager 10,11,12; Teacher's Aide 11,12.

**Joseph A. Konefall**- Orchestra  
9,10,11,12; Wrestling 10,11.

**Arkadiusz Kosow. Bobby  
Kosteski**- Office Aide 9; Soccer 9,12.

**Jennifer Ann Kozub**- FHA  
11,12; Officer 12; Ambassador 10,11,12.  
**Steven Krizman. Tia  
Krooswyk**.

**Jennifer Kucik**- Choir 9,10,11,12;  
Powder Puff Football 9,10,11; Show  
Choir 11,12; SADD 12; Student  
Government 12; Teacher's Aide 12,  
Track 9,10; Vocal Teens 12. **Todd  
Kuntz. Jamison D. Lackey**-  
Special Olympics (Basketball) 9;  
(Bowling) 11,12; (Track and Field)  
11,12.





**Jennifer E. Lackovitch**-Office Aide 10,11; Powder Puff Football 9,10; Teacher's Aide 9. **Jason J. Lacny**- Class Officer 9; Football 10; Captain 9; Revue 10,11; Student Government 9,11; Officer 12; Teacher's Aide 12; Track 9; Wrestling 9,10,11; Captain 12. **Joshua Lain**. **Michael Laslow**. **Peter M. Laspas**-Teacher's Aide 10,12.



**Anne Marie Laurel**. **Duray Marcell Lawrence**-Basketball 9,10; Captain 11; Football 9,10; Captain 11,12; Prom King 11; Revue 11,12; Teacher's Aide 11; WMHS Productions 11. **Aaron Longacre**-Baseball 9,10,11,12. **Katreena Lopez**. **Stevie Lopez**.



**Lee Lowell**. **Moina L. Lucious**. **Melissa A. Luna**-Office Aide 12; Powder Puff Football 9,10; Teacher's Aide 12. **Michael Luth**. **Lisa Marie Luyon**.



**Sean Lyons**. **Allison Mackey**. **T.J. Maddox**-Football Student Manager 11,12; Building Trades 11,12. **Deunta Madry**. **Irene Makarounas**-BPA 11,12; FHA 9, Teacher's Aide 10.



**Elena Malave**-Diving 9,10; Gymnastics 9,10, Captain 11,12; Powder Puff 11, Baseball and Football Student Manager 12, Teacher's Aide 11,12. **Leslie Allbritten Malerich**-Band 9,10,11,12; Pirate Radio 9,10; PNN 9,10,11,12; Q & S 10, Officer 11,12; Softball 9,10,11,12; Swimming 11,12; Volleyball 9, Captain 10,11,12; WMHS Productions 9, Producer 10,11,12. **Alex Malinovich**. **Joe Mallory**-Band 9,10,11,12; Flag Corps 12; Jazz Impact 10,11,12; Pep Band 9,10,11,12; Marching Band 9,10,11,12; Wind Ensemble 12; Concert Band 9,12; Symphonic Band 10,11. **Rozell Manning**-Football 9,11,12; Track 9.



**Matt S. Manoski**-HERO 12; NHS 11,12; Teacher's Aide 11. **Milena Maric**-French Club 10,11,12; NJHS 9,10; NHS 11,12; Pom-poms 9,10,11; SADD 12; Student Government 11,12. **Amber Martin**-Football and Basketball Student Trainer 10. **Lindsey Martin**-Powder Puff 9,10; Student Government 10,11,12; Teacher's Aide 12. **Abigail L. Matlock**-Student Government 11; Track 9,10,11.

**Jill Marie Matusik**- All Area (Soccer) 9,10,11,12 Basketball 9,10; Choir 9; NHS 11,12; Soccer MVP 10,11,12; Soccer Captain 9,10,11,12; Softball 9,10,11; SADD 11,12; Teacher's Aide 11,12.  
**Mark James Mayersky**- Class Officer 11; Football 12; Office Aide 12; Super Fans 12.  
**David Mc Carty**.  
**Jennifer Mc Carty**- Powder Puff 10; Student Government 11,12; Teacher's Aide 12.  
**Jeremy M. Mc Clain**- Student Government 11; Tennis 9,10,11, Captain 12.



**Bonnie Carin Mc Farland**- CPC 12; French Club 10,11,12; NJHS 9,10; NHS 11,12; Pom-pons 9,10,11, Captain 12; SADD 12; Student Government 11,12.  
**Brenda D. Mc Keethen**- Class Officer 9; Debate 12; Powder Puff Football 10,11; Student Government 10,11,12; Track 9,10.  
**Marika Mc Kinsty**.  
**Brian Mc Lindon**.  
**Kelly Mc Shane**.



**Yashima Mead**- Choir 9,10; Pirate Radio 12; PNN 12; Powder Puff Football 9,10,11; Revue 10, Show Choir 11,12; Student Government 9.  
**Jessica Mechling**.  
**Francisco Medellin**.  
**Sergio Medellin Jr.**- Soccer 9,10,11,12; Teacher's Aide 12; Wrestling 9,10,11,12.  
**Angela Melnik**- Choir 9; Office Aide 12; Show Choir 10,11,12; Teacher Aide 11.



**James Mezo**.  
**Misty Miazga**- Choir 9, Key Club 9,10,11,12; SADD 12.  
**Steven Milak**.  
**DeMonte Millard**.  
**Amanda Minnich**-Super Fans 10.



**Melissa Mirin**.  
**Gregory James Mish**- Baseball 9,10,11,12.  
**Maryanne Mitrevski**- Newspaper 12; Yearbook 12.  
**Lisa Marie Modglin**- Basketball 9; SADD 12; Track 9,10.  
**Jennifer A. Modisette**.



**Jamie Modrak**- Diving 10,11; Captain 12; Homecoming Queen (Football) 12; Homecoming Court (Basketball) 11; NHS 11,12; Prom Court 11; Softball 9,10,11,12; SADD 12.  
**Melissa M. Montemayor**.  
**P.J. Montoleone**-Basketball 9,10,11; Football 9,10,11,12; Golf 10,11,12.  
**Robert Moravec**- Special Olympics (Basketball)- 9,10; (Bowling) 9,10,11,12; (Skiing) 9,10,11,12; (Track) 9,10,11,12.  
**Teneisha Renee Morris**- Choir 9; Teacher's Aide 11.







**Erin Patricia Mulloy**- Academic Super Bowl 11, 12; Drama Club 9,10; NHS 11,12; Teacher's Aide 12. **Michael Jason Mytyk**- Revue 10,11,12; Spanish 9; Officer 10,11,12; Speech Team 9,10,11,12; SADD 9; Teacher's Aide 12. **Adam Naujokas**.



**Elizabeth Olivia Navarro**- Choir 9,10; Drama Club 9,10,11; Officer 12; Fall Play 9,10,11,12; Newspaper 12; Revue 9,10,11,12; Speech Team 9,10,11,12; Spring Musical 9,10,11,12; Swimming 9; Teacher's Aide 10; Thespians 9,10,11; Officers 12; Yearbook 12. **Kristina Navarro**. **Angie Nave**- Key Club 11; SADD 12; Boone High School Cheerleading 9,10; R.O.T.C. 9,10; Track and Field 9.



**Jeffery Nelson**- Baseball 9,10,11,12; Student Government 9,10. **Kostas Nikitaras**. **Pamela M. Niksch**- Basketball 9,10; Class Officer 12; CPC 12; FEA 12; NJHS 9, 10; NHS 11,12; Officer 12; Natural Helpers 10; Office Aide 12; Prom Committee 11; Quest Club 11.



**Kate O'Sullivan**- Band 9,10,11,12; Soccer 9,10,11; Captain 12; SADD 11,12; Track 9. **Snezana Obetkovski**- Class Officer 11; CPC 12; FEA 12; NJHS 9,10; NHS 11,12; Newspaper 11; Powder Puff Football 10,11; Q&S 11, 12; Officer 12; Spanish Club 9,12; Speech Team 11; Spell Bowl Team 11,12; SAC 11; SADD 12; Student Government 9,10,11,12; Yearbook 12. **Jessica Marie Ollech**- GAPP 11; Powder Puff Football 9,10.



**Mario D. Ortiz**. **Laurice Owen**- Flag Corps 11; Captain 12; Student Government 10; Officer 11; Teacher's Aide 11. **Tina Cassandra Owen**- Choir 9,10; Fall Play 9,10; Morning Announcer 12; Softball 9,10,11,12; Spring Musical 9,10; Teacher's Aide 12; Volleyball 9,10,11,12.



**Quiana T. Pace**- Drama Club 12; FHA 11; Revue 12; Teacher's Aide 12. **Kathryn Anna Padberg**- Band 9,10,11,12; German Club 9,10,11; Officer 12; Powder Puff 10,11; Revue 10,11; Student Government 10,11,12; Student Manager 11,12; Track 10. **Marco A. Pagan**- CWC 10; Cross Country 9; Football 11; Quest Club 10; Teacher's Aide 12; Wrestling 9,10,11.



## What's your nickname, and how did you get it?



"Buba. When I was little I tried saying baby, but couldn't. I said 'buba.'"  
**Lisa Scheffer, '00**



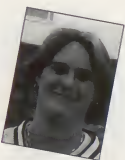
"Pud. During cross country Tony started calling me this, and it stuck."  
**Sean Tomondi, '99**



"Shorty, because I'm short."  
**Melissa Gray, '01**



"Lani. It's my middle name, and that is what some of my friends call me."  
**Kristina Greene, '98**



"KiKi. My nephew was unable to pronounce my name, and it stuck."  
**Kathy Peters, Faculty**





## What's your favorite sport?

"Basketball."  
**Nikki Oloyede, '00**



"Hockey, because of  
the violence."  
**Matthew Huttie, '01**



"Soccer."  
**Freddie Buck, '98**



"Ice skating."  
**Michelle Schreiner,  
'99**



"All sports here at  
MHS."  
**Tom Herbert, Assistant  
Principal**



**Sarah Pagel, Karyn  
Amanda Pahl**- Cross Country 10;  
NHS 11,12; Powder Puff 9; Quill and  
Scroll 12; SADD 12; Student Govern-  
ment 12; Teacher's Aide 12; Tennis 9,  
Captain 10; Yearbook 12. **Joshua  
Paniaguas.**

**Adam J. Parduhn, Deesha  
D. Parker**- Band 9,10; BPA 12;  
PNN 10; Football Student Manager 12;  
Marine Biology 12. **Brett M.  
Parlock.**

**Betsy A. Parrish**- Band  
9,10,11,12; Key Club 11,12; Student  
Government 9. **Kelly Patterson**-  
Choir 9,10; Office Aide 12; Powder Puff  
9,10; Quest Club 9,10; Student  
Government 10,11,12. **Mathew  
Mark Pavlovich**- Football 9;  
Swimming 9, Captain 10,11,12;  
Teacher's Aide 12; Pirate Athletic  
Council 11,12.

**Jason Pearman**- Band  
9,10,11,12; Concert Band 9; Jazz  
Impact 12; Marching Band 9,10,11,12;  
Pep Band 10,11,12; Revue 11,12;  
Symphonic Band 10,11; Teacher's Aide  
12; Wind Ensemble 12. **Jeff Peek.  
Angela Pena**- Natural Helpers 10;  
Quest Club 11.

**Diana M. Pena**- Quest Club 11;  
Teacher's Aide 12. **Diana S.  
Pena**- Drama Club 10,11; Flag Corps  
11; Swimming 11. **Bryn Alyn  
Pendley.**

**Jami Renee Penilla**- Band  
9,11,12; Natural Helpers 10,11;  
Teacher's Aide 10,11. **Gretchen  
Mary Ann Peters**- Academic  
Decathlon Team 11,12; Key Club 11,12;  
NHS 11,12; Quiz Bowl Team 11,12;  
Spell Bowl Team 11,12; SADD 11,12;  
Volleyball Student Manager 11,12;  
Super Quiz Team 11,12. **Bridget  
Petrites**- Drama Club 9,10,11,  
Officer 12; Fall Play 9,10,11,12; French  
Club 10,11; Officer 12; Newspaper 12;  
Revue 12; Speech Team 12; Spring  
Musical 9,12; Thespians 10,11,12.





**Hrisovalant Petsalis. Jordan Pierson. Mike Polak- Teacher's Aide 11. Wesley Potts III. Tina Marie Powers.**



**Valerie Lynn Pratscher- Basketball 9,10,11, Captain 12; Cross Country 11; Track 9,10,12; Volleyball 9,10. Daniella Prentoski- NHS 11,12; Spanish Club Officer 10,12; Student Government 12. Kelly K. Preuss- Ambassador 10; Basketball 9,10,11,12; Office Aide 9; Powder Puff 9,10,11; Softball 9,10,11,12; Teacher's Aide 11,12. Erin Price- Basketball 9,10,11; Choir 9,10,11,12; PNN 12; Pom-poms 9; Show Choir 11,12; Softball 9,10,11, Captain 12; SADD 12; Super Fans 11,12; Teacher's Aide 12; VocalTeens 12; Volleyball 9,10,11,12. Lisa M. Quiroga- Drama Club 10,11,12; Revue 10; Student Government 12; Wrestling Student Manager 11; Theater Production Crew 10,11,12.**



**John Jason Quiroz. Kamran Qureshi. Melissa Rainbolt. David Rainey- FEA 9; Swimming 9; Wrestling 11,12. Nicole Kathleen Rakich- CPC 12; JETS 12; Media Services Aide 11; NHS 11,12; Pom-poms 9,10, Captain 11; Spanish Club 11; SADD 11,12; Student Government 10,11,12.**



**Adrian Ramirez- Choir 9,10,11; Diving 10,11,12; FCA 9; NHS 11,12; Show Choir 10,11; Student Government 9; Tennis 9,10,11,12. Rafael Ramirez Jr. Jamaal Rashad. Mary Rassbach. Jessica Ann Reed- Cheerleading 9,10,11, Captain 12; Choir 9,10; FEA 11; Office Aide 10; SADD 12; Student Government 11; Teacher's Aide 12; Yearbook 12.**



**Douglas A. Reeves- Golf 10,11; Swimming 9,10, Captain 11,12. Anthony W. Rendina- Cross Country 9,10,11,12; HERO 12; Track 9,11. Kristin Rendina- Drama Club 9,10,11, Officer 12; Fall Play 10,12; FEA 9,12; Key Club Officer 12; Prom Committee 11; Quest Club Officer 9; Revue 10,12; Show Choir 10,11,12; Spring Musical 9,10,12; Student Government 9,10,12; Football Student Manager 12; Teacher's Aide 11,12; Thespians 10,11,12; VocalTeens 12. Lisa Renahan. Ryan Rentschler.**



**Renee L. Reyes- Cheerleading 11,12; Diving 10; Natural Helpers 10; Swimming 9; Teacher's Aide 12; Tennis 9,10, Captain 11,12. John Richards. Jeremy Rick- Diving 10,11,12. Nikola Ristevski- Football 9,10,11, Captain 12; Track 9,10,11, Captain 12. Danielle R. Rivera- Powder Puff 9,10,11; SADD 10.**

**Nestor Michael Rivera**- Baseball 9; NJHS 9,10; NHS 11,12; Prom Court 11; Student Government 11; Tennis 9,10,11, Captain 12. **Rafael Steven Rivera. Jennifer Lynn Roames**- Band 9,10,11,12; Basketball 9; FCA 10; French Club 10; Pirate Radio 10; PNN 10; Prom Committee 11; Soccer 9,10,11,12; Student Government 11,12; Sports Trainer (Football) 11,12; Teacher's Aide 11,12. **Kristin Roberts. Clinique Robinson.**



**Ronald Robinson. Jeremiah Rodriguez. Eduardo Roman. Bret Joseph Romeo**- Band 9,10,11,12; Cross Country 10,11,12; Football 9; Jazz Impact 11,12; Pep Band 10,11,12; Revue 11; Sports Trainer (Basketball, Football) 10,11,12; Track 9,10,11,12. **W. John Rooda**- Hoosier Academic Super Bowl 9,10,11,12; JETS 10,11,12; NHS 11, Officer 12; Swimming 9,10,11,12.



**Jennifer Rose. Dan Rosenbaum**- Tennis 9,10. **Erin Leigh Roth**- Powder Puff Football 11; Student Government 11,12; Swimming 9,10,11, Captain 12. **Kimberly Ruehl**- HERO 12; Powder Puff Football 11; Teacher's Aide 11. **Adam Ruffle.**



**Kimberly N. Rumph. Curtis Lee Rund**- Choir 9,10,11; FCA 11,12; Revue 11,12; Show Choir 10,11; Teacher's Aide 12. **Melissa Sabo**- Band 9,10,11,12; Pep Band 9,11,12. **Rosa Salazar. Jennifer Dianne Sanders**- Choir 9,10,11; Cross Country 12; Office Aide 12; Powder Puff Football 11; Quest Club 11; Student Government 9,10,11,12; Swimming 9,10,11,12; Teacher's Aide 11; Tennis 9.



**Jacob A. Santeramo**- Baseball 10,11,12; NHS 11,12; Teacher's Aide 11,12. **Arleen D. Sattler**- FEA 9; Newspaper 12; SADD 11; Volleyball 9. **Elizabeth M. Scheffer**- Art Club 9; Key Club 12; Office Aide 10; Prom Committee 11; SADD 12; Sports Manager (Football) 11,12, (Softball) 10,11,12, (Baseball) 10,11,12; Swimming 9,10; Teacher's Aide 9,11,12. **Sarah J. Schmuck**- Band 9; Student Government 9,10; Teacher's Aide 9,10,11,12. **Jenee Schramm**- FHA 11; HERO 12; Powder Puff Football 10,11; Teacher's Aide 11.



**Ann Marie Schubert. Christopher P. Schuck**- Office Aide 12. **Timothy Seibal. Matt L. Sell. Ava Selmon**- NJHS 9,10; NHS 11,12; Revue 11,12; SADD 12; Student Government 12; Winter Flags 12.





**Deanna Semovski- CPC 12;**  
Choir 9; Library Aide 12; NJHS 9,10;  
NHS 11,12; Newspaper 11; Powder Puff  
Football 11; Q & S 11,12; Soccer 9,10;  
Spanish Club 12; SAC 11,12; SADD 12;  
Student Government 10,11,12;  
Teacher's Aide 12; Yearbook 12.  
**Andrew Seydel. Adam**  
**Larry Shaffer.**



**Sam Shelhart. Rachel**  
**Sheridan- Debate 9, Powder Puff**  
Football 9,10,11; Softball 9; Speech  
Team 9. **Andrew Shih- Class**  
Officer 9; Choir 9; Football 9; NJHS 11;  
NHS 12; SAC 9; Student Government  
10,11.



**Alicia Michele Shingler- Art**  
Club 9; Bowling 9,10,11,12; Choir 9;  
Drama Club 10; Fall Play 11; Natural  
Helpers 9,10,11,12; Newspaper 12;  
Quill and Scroll 12; Revue 12; Show  
Choir 10,11,12; Spring Musical 12;  
Teacher's Aide 12; Yearbook 12.  
**Clint Shoemaker. DeAnna**  
**Rae Shonk- Band 9,10,11,12; CPC**  
12; FEA 10,11,12; Pom-poms 9,10,11,12;  
Spanish Club (Officer) 11,12; SADD  
11,12; Student Government 11,12.



**Jacob Sills. Roger W. Sills-**  
Building Trades 12; Wrestling  
9,10,11,12. **Jamie Simpson-**  
Powder Puff Football 10,11; Sports  
Trainer (All) 9,10,11,12; Teacher's Aide  
9,10,11,12.



**Michelle Simpson. Michael**  
**K. Simunjak- Building Trades**  
11,12. **Danielle Louristine**  
**Aretta Sisler- Art Club 9; FHA**  
9,10,11,12; (Officer) 9,10; Teacher's  
Aide 9,11.



**Gabriel Skoufzeis- Wrestling**  
9,10,11, (Captain) 12. **Nicole**  
**Skura- Basketball 9; Powder Puff**  
Football 9,11; Softball 9,10; Teacher's  
Aide 10,11. **Brandis Smith-**  
Choir 9,10,11,12; Drama Club 9,10,11;  
Fall Play 10; Revue 9; Show Choir  
11,12; Speech Team 10; Spring Musical  
9,10; Thespians 10,11.



## What's your favorite song ?



*"Dreaming of You,*  
by Selena because it  
is a pretty song."  
**Marisa Valdez, '01**



*"Goodbye by*  
Houdini, because  
we wrote it."  
**Nate Lacny, '00**



*"I'll be Missing*  
You."  
**Mike Vaughan, '99**



*"Lullaby on Broad-*  
way, because it's a  
great jazz tune."  
**Joe Mallory, '98**



*"Sweet Home*  
Alabama."  
**Rick Terpstra, Faculty**



## How do you feel about the end of the powder puff game?

"I wanted to play actually."

Christina Walls, '01



"It's not right because they don't let us try out for the guys' team."

Melissa Wilson, '99



"I don't like it. The guys get to play football. It was our thing."

Beth Matlock, '00



"I understand why it was taken away, but I'm sad because so many girls enjoyed it."

Nancy Draper, Faculty



"I am very upset our school took away our privileges because of the seniors last year."

Danielle Houck, '98



**Brian M. Smith. Jeff Smith-** Band 9,10,11, (Section Leader)12; Drama Club 9; Fall Play 10; Jazz Impact 10,11,12; Pep Band 9,10,11,12; Revue 11; Spring Musical 9; Teacher's Aide 10,12. **Hilary R. Snover-** Debate 10; Games Club 9; Orchestra 9,10,11,12; SADD 11; Student Government 10.

**Cheryl Snyder-** BPA 12; Powder Puff Football 10. **Cassandra Solomon-CWC** 9; Drama Club 9,10; Fall Play 9,10; Key Club 9,10,11, (Officer) 12; Natural Helpers 11,12; Revue 10; Spring Musical 9,10; Swimming 9; Teacher's Aide 10,11,12; Thespians 9,10. **Melissa Sue Sonaty-** Pom-poms 9,10, Captain 11; SADD 11, Officer 12; Student Government 10,11,12.

**Danny Spaliaras. Maria Elaine Spanos-** Band 9,10,11,12; NJHS 9,10; NHS 11,12; Soccer 10,11; Spanish Club 12; SADD 12; Student Government 10,11,12. **Matt Sparacino.**

**Daniel Spencer Jr.-** Football 9,10,11,12; Wrestling 10,11, Captain 12, State Champion 12. **Stephanie Sperka-** Environmental Club 9,10; Swimming 9,10. **Michael Stanivuk.**

**Alexia Stath-** BPA 12; CWC 10; FEA 10; Newspaper 11; Powder Puff Football 11; Q & S 11; Softball 9,10; Teacher's Aide 12; Volleyball 9. **Kristin L. Stefankiewicz-** Choir 9,10,11,12; Drama Club 11; Revue 9; Show Choir 11,12; Teacher's Aide 12; Vocalists 12. **Antoine Stewart-** BPA 11,12.

**Christy Lynn Stewart-** Choir 9,10,11,12; Show Choir 11,12; Teacher's Aide 12. **Lorie Stock. Sascha Alexander Stracke-** Foreign Exchange Student from Germany 12; Tennis 12; Track 12.







**Ryan Straub**- Art Club 9; Football 9; German Club 9,10,11; Office Aide 10,11,12; PNN 9,10,11,12; Teacher's Aide 10,11,12; WMHS Productions 9,10,11,12. **Phil Strong III**, **Sherrie Ann Stupic**- Band 9,10,11,12; FHA 10,11; President 12; French Club 9, Key Club 11; Pep Band 10,11,12; Pirate Radio 11,12; PNN 11; Teacher's Aide 12. **Donald Summar**, **Alan Svtko**.



**Jonathan Talbot**, **Andy Tanis**, **Jeffrey M. Tapper**, **Brock N. Taylor**- BPA 11,12. **Jacob Tellado**- NJHS 9,10; NHS 11,12; Soccer 12; Spanish Club 12; Swimming 9,10,11,12.



**Aliki Theodorou** Football Homecoming Court 12; Teacher's Aide 10. **Jacob Thomas III**, **Quiana Raeanne Thornton**, **Elizabeth Todoroska**- Office Aide 12; Soccer 9, Captain 10,11,12; Teacher's Aide 12. **David Tokarski**.



**Mark A. Torres**, **Krista Toth**- Diving 9; NHS 11,12; Soccer 11; SAC 12. **Michael Tovar**, **Allison Kimberly Tuft**- Choir 9. **Abigail J. Tyler**.



**Dawn M. Tyler**, **Jamie Ryan Ulbrich**- Academic Super Bowl Team 10,11,12; Band 9,10,11,12; Class Officer 11; CPC 12; Hoosier Girl's State 2 11; Jazz Band Assistant 12; JETS 11; NHS 11,12; Natural Helpers 10,11,12; Pep Band 9,10,11,12; Prom Committee 11; Soccer 9,10,11,12; SADD 11, officer 12; Student Government 9,10,11,12; Tennis 9. **Scott Underwood**- Basketball 9,10,11,12; Super Fans 12. **Adam Vadas**, **Michelle Vasileski**- GAPP 11; German Club 12; German Club Officer 12; Prom Committee 11; Soccer 9,10,11,12; SADD 11,12; Student Government 9,10,11,12; Officer 12; Teacher's Aide 12; Yearbook 12.



**Ryan Vawter**- Band 9,10,11,12. **Samuel Vazanellis**, **Kymerly Danyell Veal**- Band 9,10,11,12; Jazz Impact 11,12; Pep Band 11,12; PNN 10,11; Prom Committee 11; Student Government 12; Teacher's Aide 12; Track 9,10. **Natasha Via**- Natural Helpers 10; Swimming 9,10. **Robert Vinson**.

**Paul Virgo, Ryan Vlasic, Julia A. Vukin, Christina Vuletic, Nicholas Aaron Vurva-**  
German Club 11, (Officer) 12; NJHS 9,10; NHS 11,12; Office Aide 12.

**Brian Wacnik, Christy Walsh-** Basketball 9,10,11; Volleyball 9,10,11,12. **Matthew M. Warus-** Golf 9,10,11,12; Office Aide 11; Teacher's Aide 11. **Holly Wellestat-** Choir 9; Powder Puff Football 10. **Michelle Anabelle Westerfield-** Choir 9,10; Drama Club 9,10,11,12; FCA 9,10,11; FEA 10; French Club 10,11; Natural Helpers 10,11,12; NHS 11; Pirate Radio 10,11,12; PNN 10,11,12; Q&S 11,12; Revue 11; Show Choir 10; Speech Team 9,12; Spell Bowl Team 9,10,11; SADD 9,11; Student Government 9; Tennis 9,10,11; WMHS Productions 10,11,12; Producer 10,11,12; Yearbook 12.

**Timothy Wheeler, Courtney Whiteside Jr, Kennita LaShunn Williams- HERO 12. Latasha Williams, Letitia Williams.**

**Tasha Williams, Keri Willison-** Diving 9,10; Gymnastics 9,10; NJHS 9; SADD 11,12; Student Government 11 (Officer) 12. **Jennifer Wilson-** Natural Helpers 10,11,12; Powder Puff Football 9,10,11; Student Government 9,10,11,12. **Keith Wilson, Jill Lynn Wilusz- HERO 11,12; Key Club 10.**

**Ann Marie Wojtowicz-** Cheerleading 10,11 (Captain) 12; Choir 9,10; Fall Musical 12; FEA 9; PNN 12; Show Choir 11,12; SADD 12; Teacher's Aide 10; WMHS Productions 12; Yearbook 12. **Carolyn Lynette Woodfaulk-** French Club 12; Spell Bowl Team 12. **Jason Woolwine-** Basketball 9; SADD 12; Student Government 11,12; Super Fans 11,12. **Yvonne Renee Woszczyński-** Choir 9,10; Powder Puff Football 9,10; Swimming 10; Teacher's Aide 11,12; Tennis 9,10,11. **Lori Wotell-** Band 9,10,11,12; Cheerleading 9,10,11,12; Drama Club 9,10; Gymnastics 10; Key Club 11,12; Thespians 9.

**Marysa M. Wright, Nicholas Wright, Eric D. Xidis-** Baseball 9,10,11, 12 (Captain); SADD 12. **Nina M. Zamora, Cassandra Zawacki-** Powder Puff Football 11; Prom Committee 11; Student Government 9.





**Amanda Marie Zorich- BPA**  
12; FHA 9,10,11; Teacher's Aide 12.  
**Giovanni Zunno.**

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# SENIORS NOT PICTURED

George Alexandris, Angela Andreatos, Jason Blankinship, Jedadia Byrd, Jamie Chapman, Robert Clark, Paul Culbertson, Damien Dilbone, Naum Doneski, Joy Dunham, Ryan Francis-Football 9,10,11,12; Captain 11; Wrestling 9,10,11. **Margaret Jean French-** Choir 9,10,11,12; CWC 9; Revue 11; Show Choir 10,11,12; Teacher's Aide 12; WMHS Productions 9,10,11. **Eric Garcia,** Joshua Gray, Djurdja Grubnic, Teamisha Gutierrez, Carrie Hargett, James Harris, Sarah Harris- Band 10; Revue 12. **Kendra Hawkins-** Newspaper 12; Revue 11,12. **Ken Hayes, Nicholas Hazi-** Wrestling 11,12. **Christopher Hodges, Margaret Yvette Johnson-** FHA 9; HERO 12; Natural Helpers 11; Powder Puff 9,10,11. **Radi Jones, Michael Kardoulis, Johnson Kelaita-** Natural Helpers 10; Track 12. **Branden Kelly, Jerry Koontz Jr., John Louis Koshman, Damien Lee, Amber D. Lenker, Danny L. Lewis, Robert Lewis, Jason Littleton, Justin S. Lyons, Anthony Madrinan-** Revue 11, Spanish Club 10, Spell Bowl Team 9, SADD 9,10,11,12. **Peter Marsenic, Brandy Matthews, Steve Marinceski, Shawn McCarty, Candice McKee, Jason R. Mearna, David Merritt, Chris Mileos, Tonjameka R. Miller-** BPA 12; Choir 9,10,11,12; Debate 11; Fall Play 12; Powder Puff Football 9; Revue 10,11; Show Choir 10,11,12; Track 9; VocalTeens 12. **Wetha Montelongo, David Morgan, Johnny Muniz, Petko Naumoski-** Football 9,10,11,12; Track 12. **Jonathan Oaks, Tiffany Oliver-** Environmental Club 9. **Anthony Ortiz, Ted Partasas, Santos Pedraza, Lashounda Peete-** Powder Puff Football 11; Revue 12; Track 12. **Paul Pittman, Bradley S. Polezoes, Torria Prince, Amanda Radigan, Jameel Rashad, Cesar Recio Jr., Office Aide 12, Timothy M. Roytan, Volker Salentin, Brian Sims-** Building Trades 11,12; Track 9. **Kelvin Stanford-** Student Government 9. **Aaron Steele-** Football 10,11, Captain 12; French Club 12; Morning Announcer 12; Office Aide 10; Revue 10,11; Speech Team 10,11,12; SAC 9,10,11,12; Teacher's Aide 10; Track 10,11,12. **Judith Steltzer, Adonis Jermale Swift-Football 9, Barry K. Thomas, Marisa Thomas, Igor Trpkoski, Dimitrios Vassiliou-** Drama Club 10,11,12; Drama Convention; Fall Play 11; Key Club 9,10,11,12; Office Aide 9; Revue 11; Sailor Moon; Spring Musical 11; Teacher's Aide 9,11. **Steven M. Vettese, Ahmad Wahdan, Jason Willison, Anthony Zunica.**



## Where do you see yourself in ten years?



"Having one kid, a stable job, and a nice house."  
**Jessica Gross, '01**



"Playing soccer and moving out of Indiana."  
**Sasho Dojcinovski, '00**



"Successful."  
**Kyle Adams, '99**



"Still living with my parents."  
**Ryan Yawter, '98**



"I hope I'll be retired."  
**Don Slys, Faculty**

**"Go Pirates, Go!"** Cheerleaders Ann Wojtowicz, Jessica Reed, and Mandy Sovich get the crowd involved in the game.

## What would you do with a million dollars?

"I'd cruise around the world."  
**Ilija Gjoreski, '98**



"I'd buy two cars."  
**Kyle Vrotny, '01**



"I'd go on a cruise to the Carribean."  
**Christina Gros, '99**



"I'd pay for college, buy a car and put the rest in the bank."  
**Loretta Petrovich, '00**



"I'd give the money to the school so they'd build a bigger cafeteria."  
**Bill Angelidis, Faculty**



## Activities Abbreviations Key

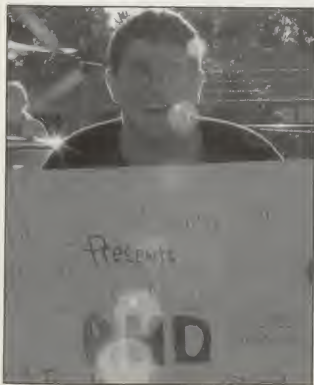
**BPA** - Business Professionals of America  
**COE** - Cooperative Office Education  
**CPC** - Commencement Planning Committee  
**FCA** - Fellowship of Christian Athletes  
**FEA** - Future Educators of America  
**FHA** - Future Homemakers of America  
**HERO** - Home Economics Related Occupations

**NHS** - National Honor Society  
**NJHS** - National Junior Honor Society  
**PNN** - Pirate News Network  
**Q & S** - Quill and Scroll  
**SAC** - Student Advisory Council  
**SADD** - Students Against Drinking and Driving  
**WMHS** - Broadcasting Club





Jon Bassett, Ryan Jezuit, and Joe Mallory show off their dancing talent at the annual Homecoming Dance.



Drama club members Mike Glorioso and Alicia Shingler advertise the fall play, "Ar-  
senic and Old Lace" during the Homecoming Parade.

Mary Johnson and Sara Stupic show that age has nothing to do with having fun. Even teens can still have fun jumping around in plastic balls.

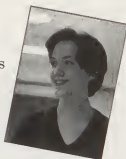




## How do you feel about surveillance cameras at MHS?

"I wouldn't mind if there were cameras because I'm good anyway."

**Demetra Stath, '99**



"If you have nothing to hide they shouldn't bother you."

**Amy Beckham, Asst. Athletic Director**

"I think it's dumb idea."

**Joel Tapper, '00**



"I don't really care."

**Ben Daniels, '01**

"It doesn't matter to me. By the time they actually get them, I'll be gone."

**Heather Carter, '98**



Ana Maria Adame  
Jenny Adams  
Kyle Adams  
Brandon Adamson

Cory Adler  
Adam Ama  
Benjamin Ameling  
Aaron Ammons

Julian Anaya  
Marikko Anderson  
Olympia Anthony  
Adam Antkiewicz

Julia Arambula  
Raypheal Armstrong  
Anna Arroyo  
Jennifer Ashe

Priscilla Assibey-Mensah  
Janet Atakorah  
Tia Austin  
Anthony Azcona

Ryan Bailey  
Tony Bairaktaris  
Shalie Balenger  
Jared Bane

Lindsey Banks  
Gina Bartolomeo  
Nolan Beavers  
Regina Bellmon

Emmeline Benavides  
Quana Bennett  
Elizabeth Berry  
Kristina Berta





Victoria Bish  
Ashley Bittner  
Sandra Blanco  
Evita Blondet  
Tabitha Bolden  
Vanessa Bond  
Virginia Bonilla  
Alonzo Booker



Lisa Bowen  
Timothy Branham  
Lori Bratcher  
Suzanne Brazlovitz  
Dustin Breeden  
Blanca Brenes  
Stacey Brooks  
Erica Brown



Shelai Bryant  
Jason Bunnell  
Jaclyn Burns  
Octavia Byrd  
Shannon Cagle  
Terri Camery  
Nicholas Camisa  
Dion Campbell



Nova Carden  
Tiffany Carli  
Jolene Carlson  
Jon Castellanos  
Jackie Cermak  
Yu Jin Cha  
Christopher Charleston  
Nadiyah Chisom



Debbie Choate  
Ryann Christiansen  
Jenny Chung  
Porscha Cobb  
Syreeta Cobb  
Rebecca Compton  
Robin Conner  
Candice Cook



Martin Costello  
Jayson Culp  
Daniel Curtis  
Steve Cvetkoski  
Brian Damion  
Sandy Damjanoski  
Erica Davis  
John Davis



David DeLeon  
Minerva DeVany  
Violeta DelReal  
Ronald Dergo  
Jacqueline Dienes  
Elena Dimoska  
Vasil Dimovski  
Jon-Tomas Donahue



Mary Dordieski  
Danielle Dore  
Oliver Dorsuleski  
Robert Dowdy  
Andrew Draper  
Brandy Dravet  
Debra Drobac  
Christa Dziewicki

Josh Eastlee  
Evita Echols  
Matthew Edwards  
Nouha El-Omar  
Cheryl Emmett  
Otoniel Espinoza  
David Everett Jr.  
Nicholas Farabaugh



Lisa Farver  
Ryan Fasel  
Lisa Fesko  
Misty Ford  
Marygrace Foster  
Patrick Foster  
Russell Francis  
Michael Francis



Kari Fravel  
Atlantis Frost  
Carrie Gabrys  
David Galovic Jr.  
Marissa Galvan  
Joseph Gargano  
Valerie Garza  
Michelle Gentry



Katrina George  
Lisa Giboyeaux  
Ilija Gjoreski  
Jolynese Glass  
Shaiese Glass  
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Antonio Godinez  
Dana Gombus



Elena Gonzalez  
Michael Gonzalez  
Priscilla Gonzalez  
Matthew Gordon  
Keith Gouwens  
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Kristina Gros  
Jennifer Grubb



Michael Gubitz  
Christina Guerrero  
Kimberly Gut  
Crystal Gutierrez  
Larry Gutierrez  
Keilah Harris  
Thomas Hazlett  
Jennifer Heine



Binika Henderson  
Simone Henderson  
Donald Hennessy  
Steven Hernandez  
Linda Hinojosa  
John Holden  
Daniel Holmes  
Edgar Holmes III



Carrie Hoover  
Michael Horton  
Brandon Hosch  
Lateena Hubbard  
Lauren Hudson  
John Hunt  
Christopher Irwin  
Joseph Jabkowski







William Jackomis  
Sean Jackson  
Amanda Jacobs  
Nancy Jakubin



Michael Janeczko  
Tyanna Januszewski  
Lattoya Jefferson  
Traci Jelinek



Angela Johnson  
Robyn Johnson  
Shernika Johnson  
Ursula Johnson



Justin Jones  
Lynne Jones  
Miranda Jones  
Sarah Jones



Joseph Juarez  
Michael Kalogeras  
Catherine Kaminski  
Valentina Karamacoska



Heather Karczewski  
Johnny Karson  
Niki Kazonis  
Milissa Kelsey



Jodie Kendera  
Tim Kenny  
James Keown  
Karen Kerr



Brian Kessler  
Michael Kienzynski  
Gary King  
Michael Kiszka



## What's your favorite part of MHS?



"I don't have a favorite part; we are in a prison."  
**Jamie Janowsky, '00**



"Those wonderful people of Student Government."  
**Jeff Roth, '01**



"All of the strict rules."  
**Kayvon Karimi, '98**



"Being able to graduate at midterm."  
**Mandy Lucious, '99**



"All of it, especially Chemistry class first period."  
**Miles Dunscombe, Faculty**



## What qualities do you look for in a friend?

"It depends on the person because everyone's not the same."

**Allison Neri, '00**



"The same interests as me, good sense of humor and someone who will listen to my problems."

**Doris Dobrich, '98**



"Trustworthy. Someone I can go to when I need to talk."

**Marissa Galvan, '99**



"Someone that I can trust."

**Steven Turoci, '01**



"Someone who cares enough to be there when you need them."

**Jim Dailey, Faculty**



Tracy Kleminski  
Joseph Klippel  
Ognjen Kljajic  
Juliana Kljajich

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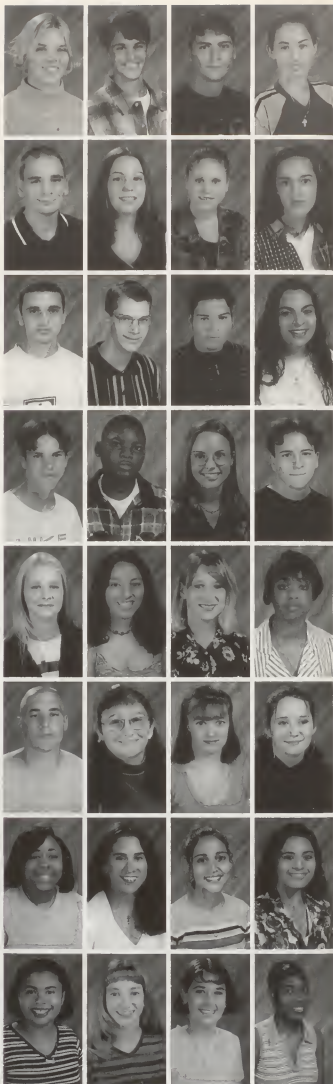
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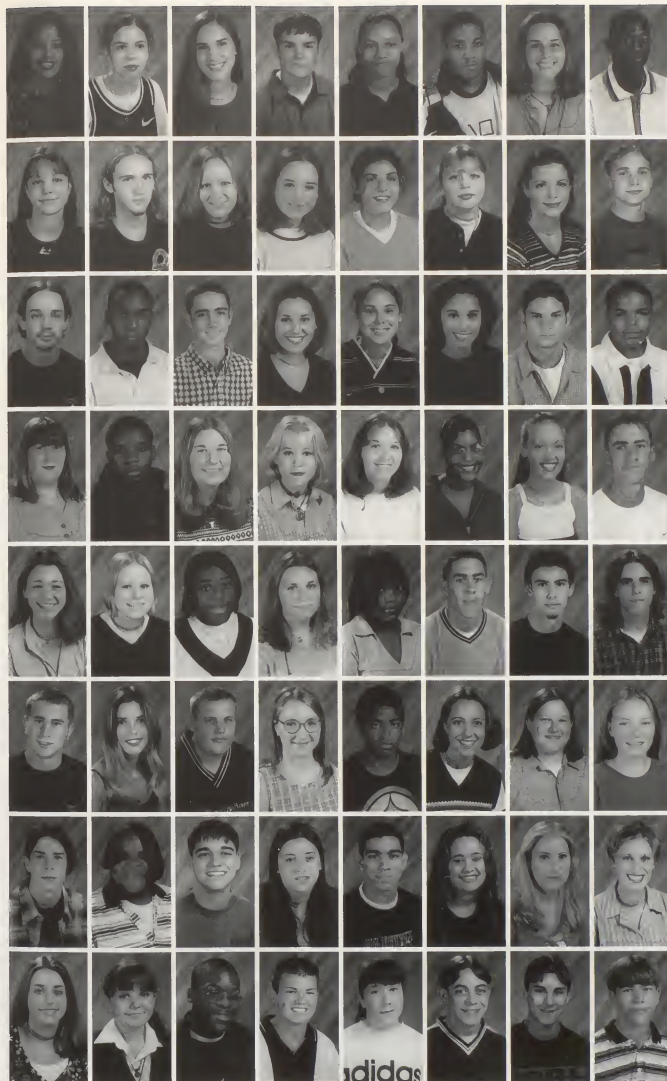
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Rosanne Lloyd

Candi Long  
Paula Lopes  
Jacquelyn Lopez  
Sandra Lopez

Amanda Lucas  
Elizabeth Lucas  
Melissa Lucassen  
Mandy Lucious





Laura Luevano  
Tina Luna  
Kimberly Lux  
Neil Lux  
Jennifer Lyles  
Ronald Lyles  
Amanda Lyman  
Rodney Mabon

Leslie Mackowiak  
Matthew Magurany  
Sarah Magurany  
Kari Jo Majkowski  
Dede Makarounas  
Monica Malocha  
Katrina Mandich  
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Michael Maple  
Jason Marcus  
Ryan Marovich  
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Nicole Martinez  
Sara Martinez  
Thomas Mauman  
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Ginnie Mc Knight  
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Tina Naumoski  
Paul Navarro  
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Nicole M. Nelson

April Nichols  
Natasha Nixon  
Benedict Nnadi  
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Heather Oaks  
Adam Ohlenkamp  
Jonathon Ollech  
David Orgon

Anne Orzechowicz  
Steve Packovski  
Nadine Padilla  
Samantha Palmateer  
Stephanie Palmateer  
Steve Passaloukas  
Ebony Patterson  
Alonzo Paul



Angela Pavlish  
Calvin Peacock  
Terra Pearson  
Jennifer Pedroza  
Scott Peters  
Kirk Petyo  
Casey Phelan  
Eric Pinnell



Sarah Plukas  
Naja Podboj  
Anna Ponce  
Melissa Powers  
Derek Previs  
Jennifer Purevich  
Leon Quainter  
Christopher Rainbolt



Jill Ramos  
Riannon Ramos  
Jessica Randolph  
Jameela Rashad  
Ian Rausei  
Edward Reed  
Julius Reed  
Jodi Reeves



Brandi Reid  
Emily Reilly  
Jeff Remenius  
Danielle Reveliotis  
Michael Reyna  
Tracy Richmond  
Wally Riddle  
Goce Risteviski



Deanne Rivera  
Omar Rivera  
Jasmine Roberts  
Michael Robertson  
David Rodriguez  
Raymond Rogalski  
Jeffrey Rosenwinkel  
Whitney Ross



Jennifer Roytan  
April Ruiz  
Rodney Russell  
Jon Rybicki  
Amanda Rysiewicz  
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Cesar Sanchez  
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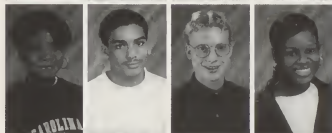
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Heidi Snow  
Michael Sopko



Amanda Sovich  
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## What's your favorite hobby?



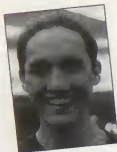
"Snowball fights."  
**James Babiarz, '01**



"Skating."  
**Joe Brown, '00**



"Playing tennis."  
**Neil Lux, '99**



"I collect 'Inspected By' tags on any item of clothing."  
**Mary Johnson, '98**



"Cross Country, golf, basketball, and chess."  
**Tom Feeney, Faculty**





## What is your favorite holiday? Why?

"Orthodox Easter,  
because I get the  
next Friday off."  
**Kosta Nikitaras, '98**



"My birthday is my  
favorite holiday."  
**Mike Jenkins, '00**



"Christmas,  
because it is  
very festive."  
**Robert Perez, '01**



"Halloween,  
because the  
craziest parties  
are happening."  
**Mike Gubitz, '99**



"Thanksgiving,  
because one of the  
secrets of life is  
being thankful."  
**Linda Robertson,  
Media Aide**



Tameka Stegall  
Stephen Steininger  
Joseph Stevens  
Eric Stewart

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Derek Stompor  
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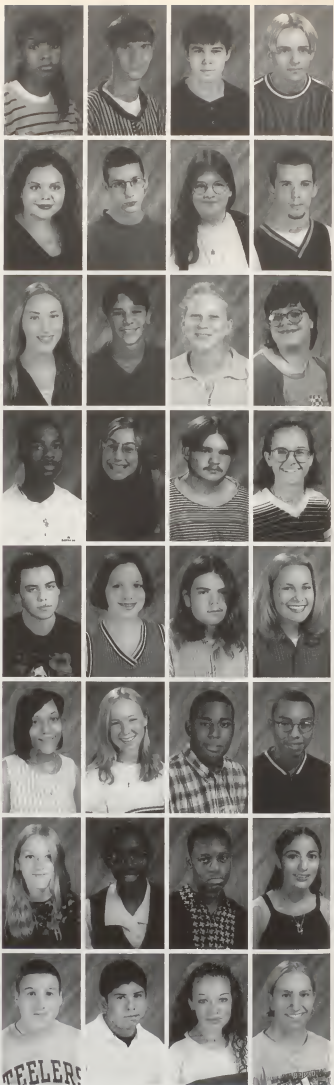
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Maria Toledo

Michael Tomondi  
Joseph Torres  
Christina Towry  
John Trama





Jeremy Trimble  
Stacey Trock  
Michael Tucker  
Rommel Turner  
Teviss Turner  
Patricia Underwood  
Jasmine Uribe  
Fernando Vaca



Marisa Van Volkenburgh  
Christina Vargo  
Jeremy Vasaitis  
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Michael Vaughan  
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Jason Webb  
Jennifer Webster



Jessica Welch  
Gina Welsh  
Jeanette West  
Kami West  
Terrance Wheeler  
Jason White  
Joshua White  
Keith White



Kristina White  
Damien Whiteside  
Lawanda Wiggins  
Delrick Williams  
Ja'ne Williams  
Winston Williamson  
Kristian Willis  
Eugene Wilson II



Melissa Wilson  
Justine Wojcik  
Robert Wojcik  
Jessica Wright  
Nick Yack  
Nina Zamora  
James Zapinski  
Nada Zezely



Kasandra Zweig

Aaron Longacre shows of his talent of playing the keyboard under his leg.



Having fun at a dance,  
Elizabeth Thien and Danny  
Spaliaras dance the night away.

Jennifer Abrego  
Justin Adams  
Tracy Albee  
Kathy Alexandris  
Nicole Allen  
Nicole Alston  
Danita Anderson  
Jacob Argenta



Chrinedu Arrieri  
Kelly Arroyo  
Angela Austin  
Fremel Backus  
Jamie Bainbridge  
April Balash  
Morris Bankston  
Edward Barksdale



Armond Baskin  
Carly Berdine  
Blythe Bertolo  
Faith Biggs  
Donald Bish  
Pavel Blagojevski  
Ricky Bobos  
Ryan Bobowsky



Jacinta Boger  
Kelly Bowen  
Dana Bozeman  
Joshua Bradley  
Mary Abby Brake  
Philip Brasovan  
Marco Bravo  
Jason Brewer



Jennifer Bronowski  
Anthony Brown  
Joe Brown  
Jonathon Brown  
Nicole Brown  
Shaleek Brown  
Scott Brownell  
Renee Bryant



Keily Buckner  
Frank Buda  
Cory Burkus  
Julie Burns  
Mark Burress  
Ashley Cak  
David Cameron  
Jacob Camp



James Camp  
Nicole Camp  
Amber Carpenter  
Thomas Carter  
Thomas Casteel  
Sergio Castillo  
Eddie Cather  
Clairann Caton



Tanja Celeski  
Chris Chamberlain  
Robin Childress  
Adam Christopher  
Demetrius Clark  
Fawn Clark  
Jerrilyn Clark  
Michael Cobb





Jason Collins  
Christopher Conn  
William Connelly  
Rachel Cook



Zachery Cook  
Steven Cooper  
Maden Copic  
Nicholas Corea



Aaron Craft  
Brian Craig  
Derek Crawford  
Kristen Cribari



Keith Crittenden  
Joey Crosby  
Brian Cross  
Amanda Cruz



Dana Cudjoe  
Jeanette Cullers  
Shannan Cunningham  
Denise Damion



Lawrence Davis  
Renard Davis  
Jolan Dawson  
Sherman Dean



Adam Deel  
Ricardo Del Real  
Lenneah Delich  
Amy Dergo



India Diggins  
Sasho Dimovski  
John Dittoe  
Matthew Dixon



## How long was your longest relationship?



"I'm currently in a one year, four month loving relationship with Dana Miller."  
**Jesus Hernandez, '98**



"The longest relationship I ever had was one month. It was self-fulfilling."  
**Russell Francis, '99**



"Three months was my longest relationship. I would have liked it to be longer."  
**Hector Mendez, '00**



"Two years; it was a good friendship."  
**Jason Harness, '01**



"Since April 22, 1969."  
**Bill Idzior, Faculty**



## What is your pet peeve? Why?

"Preps."  
Thera Hazlett, '01



"Not being able to breathe in the bathroom."  
Tina Powers, '98



"When people walk really slow in the hallway."  
Randi Pigg, '00



"Ignorant people because they make me mad."  
Michael Glorioso, '99



"Pronouns; students don't know how to use them."  
Sally Morgan, Faculty



Sasho Dojcinovski  
Anthony Domelle  
Jennifer Doneski  
Kimberly Drobac



Daleana Dudley  
Jerry Duggins  
Ryan Dulla  
Ryan Durham



Daniel Dyer  
Erika Ekstrom  
Nicole Eich  
Elisabeth Elliott



Dennis Emmart  
Carl Ervin  
Jamie Escobedo  
Thomas Escott



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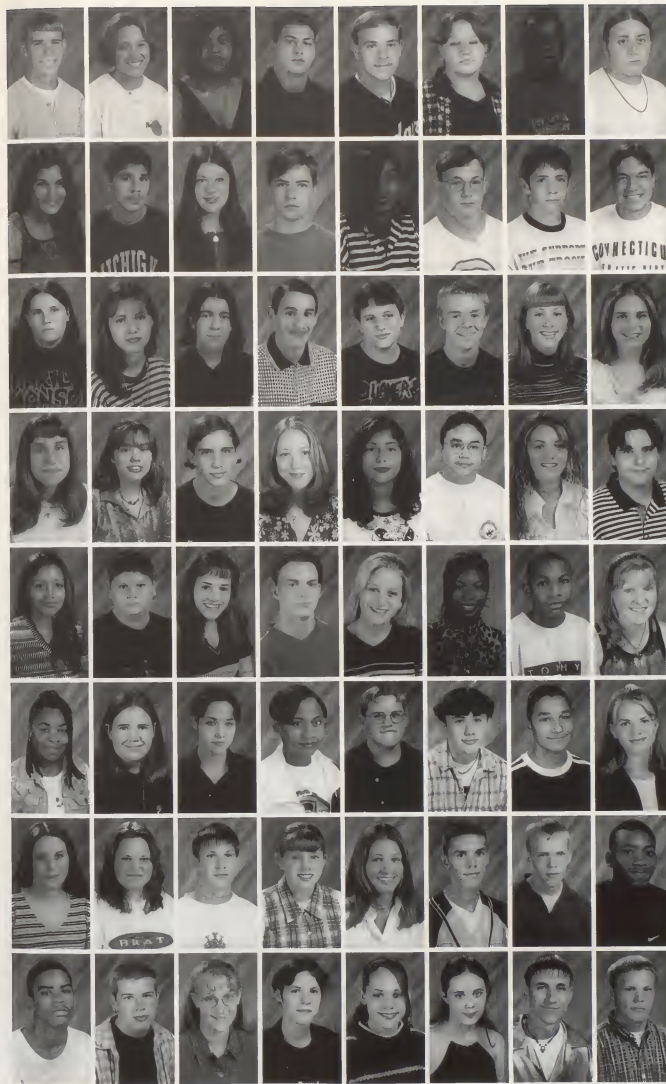


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July Fitzgerald



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Derek Floyd  
Melissa Flutka  
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Keenan Gallagher

Janice Garcia  
Richard Garcia  
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Carolyn Goin  
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Joseph Gorski  
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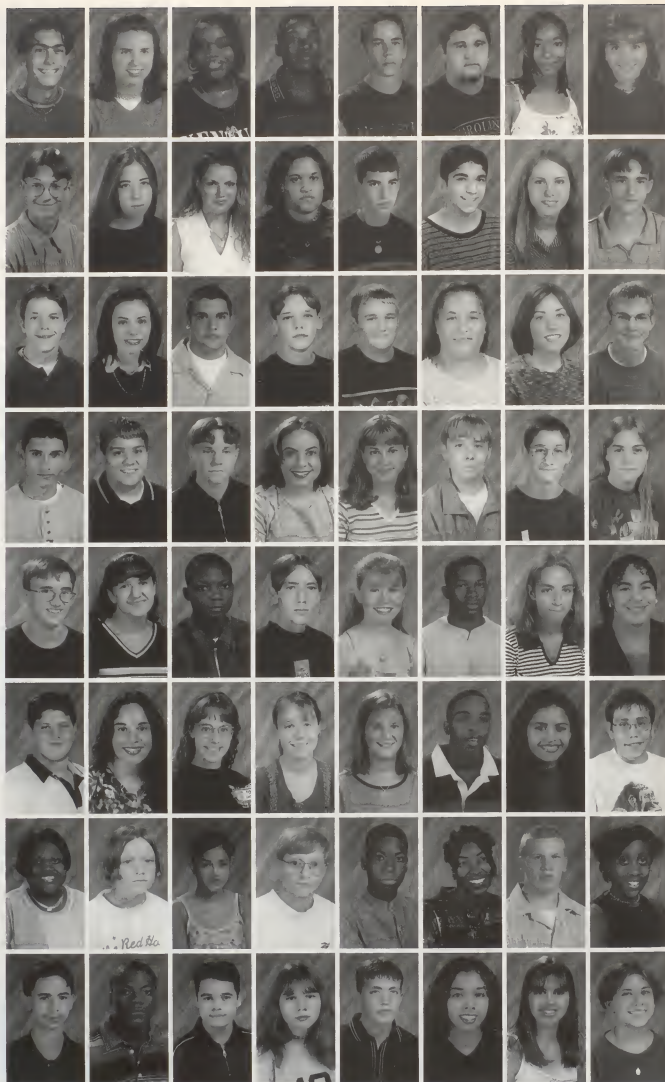
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David Mesarch  
David Metcalf  
Tina Michael



## What is your favorite color? Why?



"Clear, because it's there."

**Kyle Swims, '99**



"Turquoise. It goes good with a lot of colors."

**Liz Sullivan, '00**



"Green. Kermit the Frog is green."

**Shelley Chambers, '98**



"Green, because it's a nice color."

**Kevin Koves, '01**



"Red. I don't know; I just like it."

**Greg Pierson, Faculty**



## What is the most spontaneous thing you've done?

"I woke up one morning and got a job application."  
**Jake Snover, '00**



"Ditching school and going to Chicago. I never got caught."  
**Brandon Hoffman, '98**



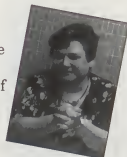
"I discovered Marilyn Manson."  
**Kevin Stewart, '01**



"I lit fireworks in the gym at Pierce."  
**Joey Klippel, '99**



"Getting up on the stage at the end of the 1969 performance of *Hair* and hugging half the cast."  
**Beverley Seaver, Faculty**



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Ti-Yon Ward



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Nicholas Wardrip  
Tammy Warris  
Kristin Weigl



## What is your favorite store in the mall? Why?



"Structure, it has the best selection of pants on the planet."

**Andrew Niksich, Faculty**



"Foot Locker, because I like their shoes and employees."

**Jodi Reeves, '99**



"Pacific Sunware, because the girl with the green eyes seduces me to buy things."

**Jon Bassett, '98**



"Spencers, because they have a bunch of interesting stuff."

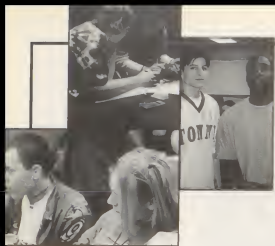
**Debra Jorgenson, '01**



"L.S. Ayres, because they have good clothes."

**Jamie Winfield, '00**





## What is your favorite kind of candy and why?

"Twizzlers, because they make mouths happy."

**Linda Hinojosa, '99**



"Suckers, because they last longer."

**Amanda Jabkowski, '01**



"Butterfingers, because they are crispy, crunchity, peanut buttery good."

**Heather Egner, '98**



"Jolly Ranchers, because I like the Passion Fruit ones."

**Matt Rivera, '00**

"Snickers, because they are very filling."

**Darrin Arberry,  
Dean of Students**



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James Williams  
Jermece Williamson



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Jamie Winfield  
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Brian Woolwine  
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Jennifer Yugo



Daniel Zacek  
Angie Ziller



Adam Antkiewicz, Jason Collins and Jesse Hernandez work on a computer project.



Lunchtime is usually a social time for friends Kristin Rendina, Josh Mehay, Danny Frizzell and Ryan Petry.



Neil Lasiak and Jeremy Alder take notes during a science lecture.

Scott Peters and Amanda Farley work on the computers in class together.

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## What's your most memorable moment at MHS?



"When I saw my brother graduate."  
**Diana Pejaska, '00**



"Having Mr. Krutz as a teacher."  
**Adam Ohlenkamp, '99**



"Going to State for swimming."  
**Jennifer Okichich**



"When the cow died head first in *Into the Woods*."  
**Jay Cermak, '98**



"Winning the State Championship in 1989."  
**Mark Rosenbalm, Faculty**



## What's your favorite movie and why?

*"Jezebel, because she best describes me."*

**Margaret Leposky,  
Library Aide**



*"Friday, because it's like a home video."*  
**Steve Hernandez, '99**



*"Dumb and Dumber, because I can relate to how stupid they are."*  
**Sara Stanzione, '00**



*"2010, because it is a neat movie."*  
**Mike Zelisko, '01**



*"Bad Boys. It's a nice movie."*  
**Muhammad Chaudhary, '98**



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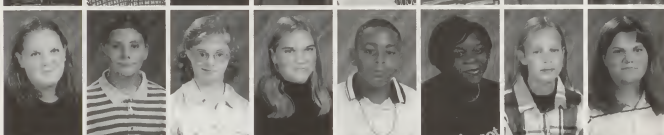
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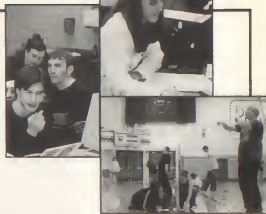
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Brandon Marcus



## Name an animal that best describes you and explain why?



"The baboon from *Ren and Stimpy* because his actions directly resemble me."

**Alexia Stath, '98**



"A tiger because of the alignment of the planets."

**Justin Miller, '01**



"Panther. They are quiet and long."

**Renee Cuevaz, '00**



"Panther. It's beautiful."

**Tom Mauman, '99**



"Bull. I'm a Taurus, bull-headed and stubborn, but a sweetheart."

**Norris Taylor, Security**





## What's your favorite pick-up line?

"I wouldn't mind."  
Mike Megyesi, '01



"I think you're pretty.  
Can I get your phone number?"  
Ryann Christiansen, '99



"I think you're pretty. Can I get your phone number?"  
Phil O'Boy, '00



"Do you want to go see a movie?"  
Buddy Herzog '98



"Hey Darlin, because I learned it from Mr. Pitcock."  
Artie Rogers, Faculty



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Nicholas Mc Cloud



Jason Mc Colly  
Marisa Mc Daniel  
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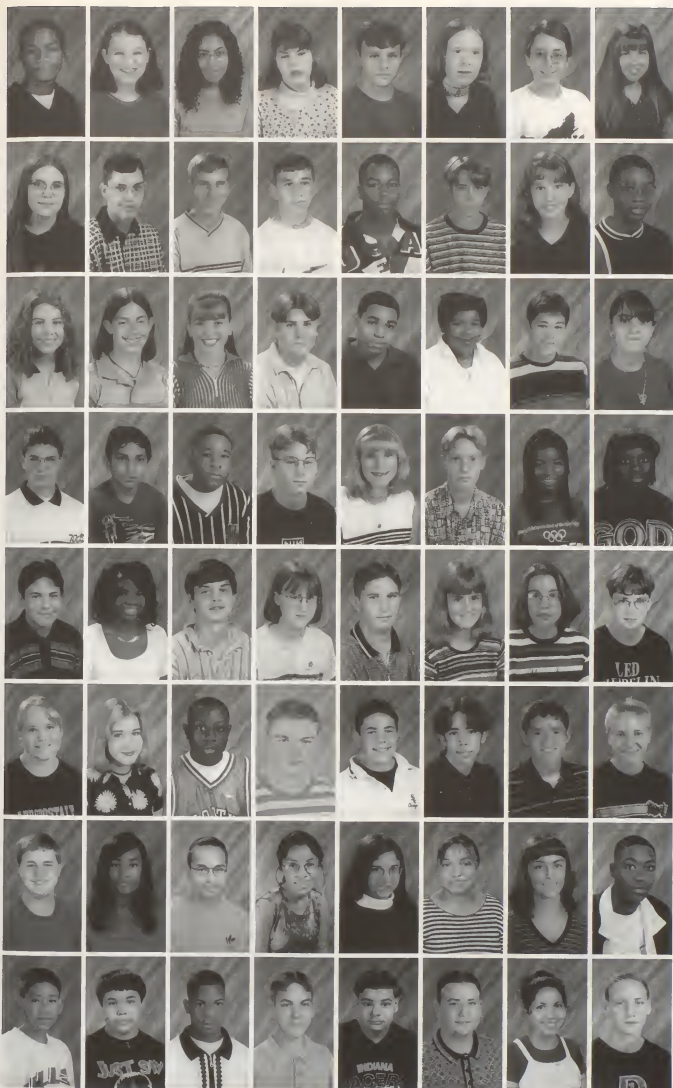


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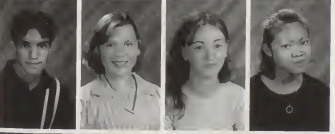
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Parris Turner  
Sarah Turner  
Jennifer Turoci  
Steven Turoci



## How did you feel about the death of Princess Diana?



"I think that everyone is paying a lot more attention to her now that she's dead."

**Bret Sager, '01**

"I think it is sad, but over-dramatized."  
**Jenny Chung, '99**



"I think it was sad for Prince William because the press wouldn't leave him alone."

**Nikki Eich, '00**

"I think Prince Charles killed her to become king."  
**Josh Gray, '98**



"I feel sad, because she was so good."  
**Shirley Ortegon, Faculty**



## Who's your role model and why?

"Gabrielle Reece. She's a volleyball player and a model."  
**Jessica Gray, '00**



"Dan Gable. He is the best wrestler ever."  
**Jeff Talbot, '01**



"My dad. He's always there for me."  
**Preston Thomas, '99**



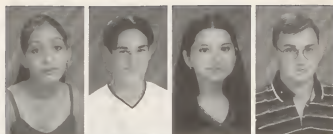
"Pete Montoleone Sr., because he built his house in 88 days."  
**Mike Anacleerio, '98**



"My mother. She taught me my values and how to be a gentleman."  
**Zac Wells, Faculty**



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Nicholas Alston, '00  
Jacob Amundsen, '00  
Dominic Banham, '99  
Christi Baumann, '01  
Kelly Beckman, '01  
Marcus Bonner, '01  
Janis Brown, '99  
Sarah Brown, '99  
Ebony Carter, '01  
Uluric Chance, '01  
William Clark, '01  
Heather Coin, '99  
Dawn Conner, '01  
Lakeida Daniels, '00  
John Davis, '99  
Harrison Doan, '01  
Ana Maria Dexas, '01  
Hector Escalante, '99  
Michael Gonzalez, '00  
Jason Gray, '01  
Frantoine Greenwood, '01  
Angela Harrison, '99  
Lakea Harvey, '01  
Bryan Harbour, '00  
Tayyab Jackson, '99  
Jason Jemenko, '01  
Nichole Kempa, '01  
Lacey Kerns, '01  
Melissa Kerns, '99  
Michael Koteles, '00  
Derek Larson, '01  
Shelly Luipold, '01  
Ronell Lyles, '99  
Eugene Manuel, '01  
David Mc Kissack, '01

Sean Paul Mc Millon, '99  
Milton Mejia, '01  
James Miller, '01  
Gretchen Minchuk, '01  
Wesley Mitchell, '99  
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Mbanefo Onyeka, '99  
Shenise Pearson, '99  
Jessica Plasencia, '00  
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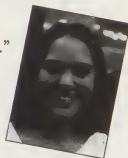


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**Class of '01 Officers** Not pictured President Ken Badylak, Vice President Laura Horwith, Secretary Kristine Dabu and Treasurer Amanda Diehl.

## How many hours do you spend on the phone?

"20 hours a week."  
**Anna Ponce, '99**



"30 hours a week."  
**Ava Selmon, '98**



"2 minutes."  
**Whitney Lake, '01**



"I hour a week. I  
don't get a  
chance."  
**Janet Anderson,  
Faculty**



"7 hours."  
**Chris Vargas, '00**



Paul Abernathy, Math  
Beverly Ambroziak,  
Business  
Janet Anderson, Art  
William Angelidis, Science

Joe Atria, Science  
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Joe Bevilacqua, Industrial  
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Labs  
Mary Clay, Music  
Andrea Clinkenbeard,  
Science

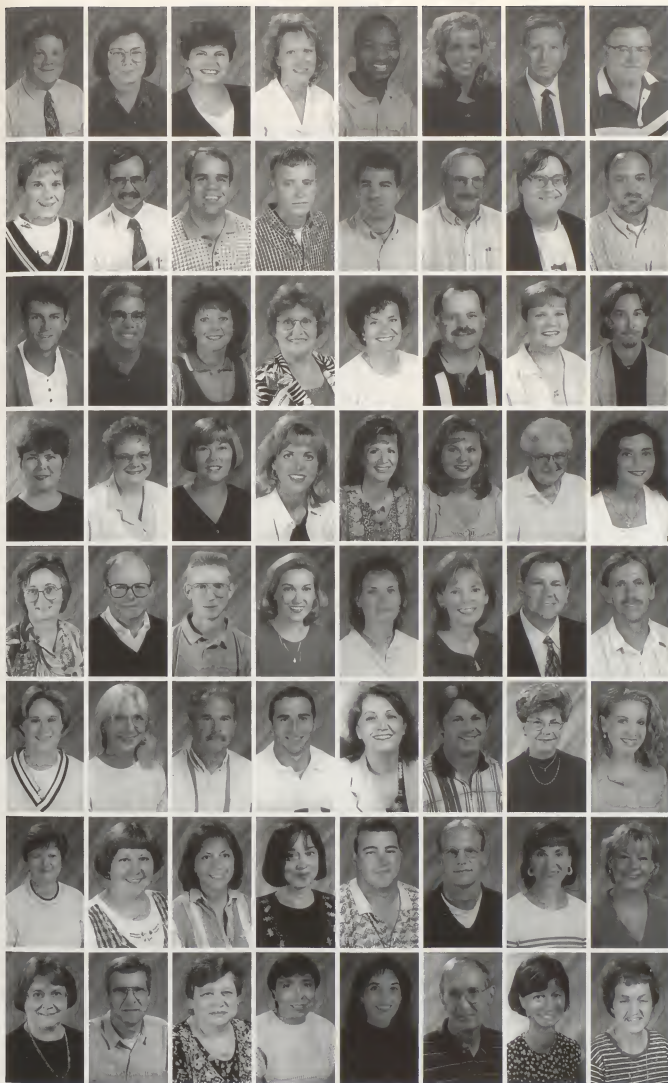
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James Daily, Ind. Arts  
Terri Deeb, Guidance  
Stephen Devillez, Broad-  
cast Journalism and Media  
Specialist

Barb Dlouhy, MOMH  
Nancy Draper, Math  
Patricia Dudak, Science  
Miles Dunscombe, Science

Lori Dust, Physical Education  
James East, Social Studies  
Richard Ebler, Social Studies  
Dee Edgcomb, Guidance

James Edgcomb, Social  
Studies  
Roger Emig, Music  
Sharon Estes, English  
Tom Feeney, Math





Chris Fields, Science  
Diane Firme, English  
Eddie Fisher, English  
Dianna Fleming, Guidance  
Sheldon Floyd, Social Studies  
Jennifer Fuller, English  
Drew Furness, Guidance  
Rick Garner, Industrial Arts

Elizabeth Gillespie, Math  
Ray Hamilton, Foreign Lang.  
Gregory Hatch, English and  
Alternative School

Mike Hoffman, Math  
Brian Hults, Math  
Richard Hurley, Industrial Arts  
William Idzior, Math  
Sherrn Izsak, P.E.

James Johnston, Ind. Arts  
Jerrold Kasarda, Quest  
Shelley Kavois, Family and  
Consumer Sciences

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Rosellen Kozel, Work Study  
Coord.

Mike Krutz, Industrial Arts  
Maggie Lain, Health  
John Lambersie, English  
Judy LeDuc, Business  
Connie Lewis, English  
Diane Mandon, Social Studies  
Stacey Matlock, Science  
Lee Meyer, English  
Carrie Miller, English  
Mona Miller, Physical Education  
Afrodite Mitrakis, Family and  
Consumer Sciences

Sally Morgan, Science  
Patrick Mulloy, Social Studies  
Andrew Niksich, Business  
Judy (Oates)  
Lewandowski, Social Studies  
Linda Oldenburg, Art  
Deborah Onika, Science  
Brian Past, English  
Tom Peller, Math

Kathleen Peters, Math  
Maryetta Petras, Science  
Greg Pierson, Health  
Ryan Pitcock, English  
Josefina Poropat, Foreign Lang.  
Terry Pratt, Art  
Bernadine Putz, Business  
Lisa Raftery, Foreign Language

Geri Rainey, Eng. as a Second Lang.  
Janet Rattazzi, Family and  
Consumer Sciences

Shirley Renner, Guidance  
Wanda Rice, Art  
Artie Rogers, Social Studies  
Mark Rosenbalm, Physical Ed.  
Bonnie Sanders, Foreign Lang.  
Pamela Schilling, Media  
Specialist

Violet Schmuck, Math  
John Seale, Industrial Arts  
Beverley Seaver, English  
Mary Shoshoo, Math  
Mary Simmons, Social Studies  
Don Slys, Science  
Irene Spiro, Foreign Lang.  
Debra Staffeld, Math



Margaret Stallings, Family  
and Consumer Sciences  
Jean Stanford, Journalism and Eng.  
Evelyn Steiner, Foreign Lang.  
Randolph Stelter, English  
Michelle Sulich, LRE Facilitator  
Melissa Szczerba, MGH Teacher  
Deanne Tanis, Math  
Dave Teeter, Industrial Arts



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Barbara Timmerman, Music  
Carol Von Behren, Family and  
Consumer Sciences  
Zac Wells, Social Studies  
Niki Williamson, LRE Facilitator  
Janet Wilson, LRE Facilitator  
Madeline Wilson, Foreign Lang.  
Michelle Wilson, LRE Facilitator



**Liz Navarro and Marisa VanVolkenburgh**  
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have a good time.

Jeff Yelton, Science  
James Young, LRE Facilitator  
Dave Zimmerman, Business





Emily Reilly and Sherrie Stupic enjoy riding the FHA float down Broadway during the Homecoming Parade.

FHA Co-sponsor Maggie Stallings watches over the snack table as Sara Stupic and Erin Binkley take some goodies. Club sponsors devote many hours of time outside of school to club activities.



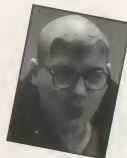
## What is your favorite vacation spot?



"PJ's condo in Florida"  
Greg Mish, '98



"Amsterdam."  
Steve Hardison, '01



"Ashbury and Haight Streets in San Francisco, but not the hippie stores."  
Tom Casteel, '00



"The Bahamas."  
Sarah Jones, '99



"Mr. Rogers' swimming pool."  
Ryan Pitcock, Faculty

## What do you like about Merrillville High School?

"The people here."  
**Jennifer Kozub, '98**



"I like the sports facilities, especially basketball."  
**Julie Kljajich, '99**



"I like my English teacher, Mr. Lammersie."  
**Elizabeth Greco, '00**



"I like how the people here are willing to help."  
**Jean Stanford, Faculty**



"I like the fact that I leave in three years."  
**Jason Nolan, '01**



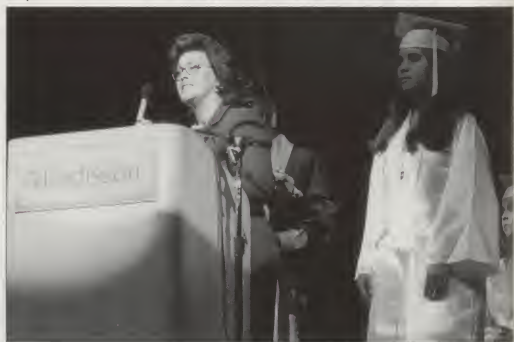
**Darren Arberry**, Attendance Officer and Dean of Students  
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**Amy Beckham**, Assistant Athletic Director  
**Michael Berta**, Assistant Superintendent for Personnel

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**Gale Guyer**, Administrative Assistant for Curriculum and Instruction

**Tom Herbert**, Assistant Principal  
**Mark Lucas**, School Board Member  
**Dr. Tony Lux**, Superintendent of Schools  
**Mary Mc Vade**, Director of Technology Maintenance

**Janice Minor**, Assistant Principal  
**Ronald Price**, Assistant Superintendent for Business  
**Janis Qualizza**, Athletic Director  
**Forrest Rhode**, Principal

**Mary Lou Sproat**, Director of Media Services  
**Donna Stath**, School Board President  
**David Templin**, Assistant Principal  
**Rich Wachsmann**, Director of Technology Instruction and Professional Development



School Board President Donna Stath is pleased to accept the Senior Gift of a bench and a flower garden from Senior Class Treasurer Pam Niksch.



Attendance secretary Judy Vassallo answers the attendance questions for a student. She keeps a daily record of each student's attendance.



School Board member Mark Lucas chats with Kelly Preuss at Prom. School Board members attend many school functions in addition to school board meetings.



Judy Vassallo, Attendance  
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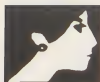
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Bonnie Nicksch, Media Services  
Shirley Ortegon, Student  
Services

Janet Pennock, Receptionist  
Delores Poxon, Nurse  
Debbie Robinson, Aide  
Mary Scheffer, Teacher Aide  
Norman Schulte, Security

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**Concert Band Group 3** Row 1: Brandon Marcus, Eileen Feden, Terry Judick, Joe Snelson, Mary Johnson, Ray Buch, Patrick Boksa. Row 2: JR, Wimbish, Lindsey Lubovich, Kyle Ratkovich, Keith Thomason, Vickie Donaldson, Terrance Campbell. Row 3: Mike Ford, Amanda Moloney, Alan Azcona, Nnanna Onyeka, Joe Mallory, Mike Zelisko. Row 4: Matthew Egner, Tom Hancock, Darnell Blackmon, Angelo Anton, Eugene Manuel, Nathan Gregory.



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**Creative Writing Club** James Zapinski, Sponsor John Lambersie, Lisa Pesko. Not Pictured: Nicole Montalbano, Jackie Cernak, Joyce Herrera.

**Junior Varsity Dance Team** Row 1: Jennifer Villars, Randi Pigg, Sandi Skratsky. Row 2: Lindsey Mysliwiec, Christina Damjanski, Robyn Mc Indoo. Row 3: Mandy Gonzales, Laura Horwith, Stefanie Ama, Brianne Mc Gee, Stephanie Spangler. Not Pictured: Coach Candi Mylak.



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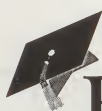


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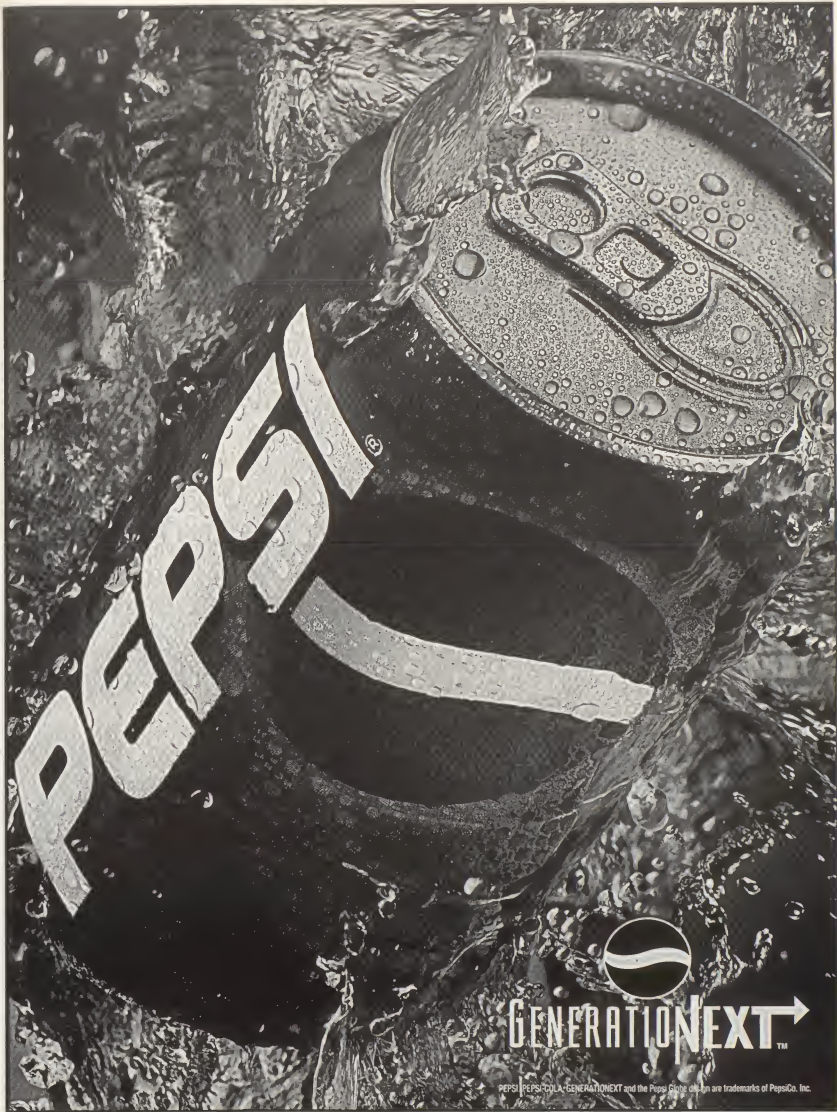
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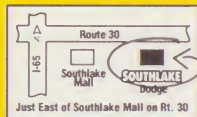


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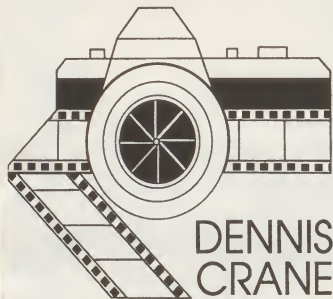


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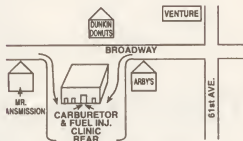
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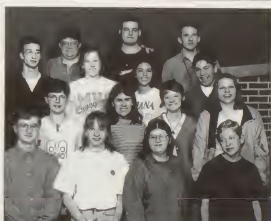
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This year saw the retirement of many important people who had hundreds of years of combined experience working in our school. Some left early in the school year, while others were with us until the end.

Each of these retirees will be missed. Nevertheless, we wish them all well with their retirement. They have earned the rest and relaxation. Still, we hope they will remember us and stop in to visit occasionally.



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## EDITOR'S NOTE:

This year just flew right by. I mean one day it's the beginning of school and the next seniors are already having their Senior Breakfast. Now, for me that fact was kind of upsetting knowing that all of the people I just got a chance to know were leaving even though I knew they were all going on to explore their future opportunities.

Before going any further I would like to take the time to thank everyone who was on staff this year for all the work they put into this yearbook. Without all of their help this yearbook would not have been possible.

While I'm at it I would like to thank Mrs. Stanford for all the time she put into this yearbook. This was a very different type of learning experience for me, and I'm glad she gave me the chance to do this.

Last I would like to thank John Bir. Without him we would have had no group pictures, plus the many others he took during the year.

Now that I got that out of the way. I can go back to where I started out. Many memories were made from just sitting at school, or even out in public. No matter how long I live, I will never forget the great times I had this

past year. For example, the time my friends and I went to Shakey's and had a big food fight right in the middle of the place.

I'm sure everyone had that type of memories. If you don't, you should make time to have some good old fashion fun.

I know that people have responsibilities like school and work and family values, but the best part of this year was making new friends. I started school this year not knowing who was in any of my classes, but now I have a couple of good friends in each. For example, my first hour class all bonded and we all just sat and told jokes. There's always the class pet, by the way it was a bug.

I also learned what it meant to be re-

sponsible. Before I only thought I knew what responsibility meant, and now I know.

But then again, we missed a full week of school because of bad weather. Now some of us know how it felt to be without power and heat, or at least to have no cable.

So, all in all everyone has had a great year whether they want to admit it or not. I sure did.

I just wanted to say a couple things before I ended this. It's been great getting to know new people. Also, I wish the entire senior class good luck in the future. I think everyone needs to be wished good luck. Do you know why? Because, "YOU DESERVE IT!"



**The 1997-98 MERRILLVUE STAFF** Row 1: Grace Escamilla, Alicia Shingler, Karyn Pahl, Lisa Fesko. Row 2: Dede Makarounas, Maryanne Mitrevski, Dave Hosler. Row 3: Mandy Sovich, Christin Cirrincione, Jessica Reed, Cathy Snelson, Liz Navarro, Marisa Van Volkenburgh. Row 4: Snezana Obetkovski, Deanna Semovski, Jean Stanford, Shelley Vasileski, Sandy Damjanoski, Maria Halkias, Casey Mc Kenney. Not Pictured: Michelle Westerfield.

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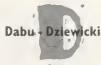
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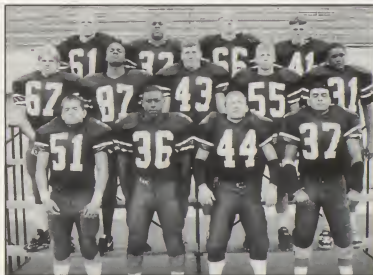
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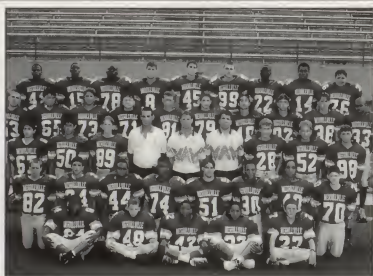
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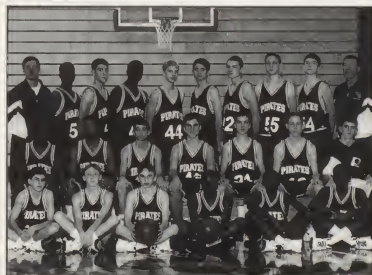


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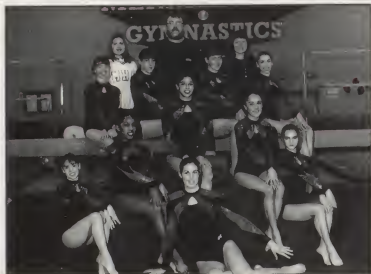
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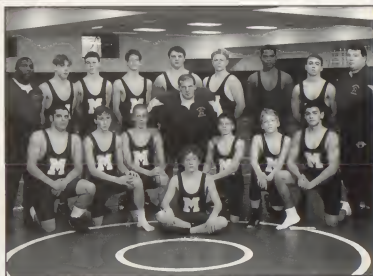
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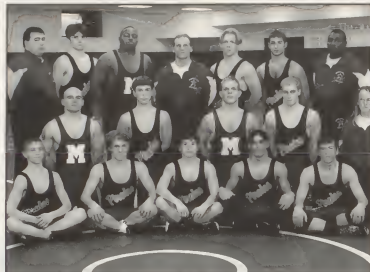
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**Junior Varsity Softball** Row 1: Jamie Bainbridge, Heather Morgan, Shenley Roberts, Lindsey Mysliwiec, Michelle Uremovich, Tracy Albee, Meredith Lucas. Row 2: Coach T. Juli O'Brien, Leslie Kleminski, Carly Berdine, Vicki Bish, Lameah Delich, Jenny Orze, Kirsten Kaiser.

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Excited alumni from the Class of 1998 realize that it's finally all over as they celebrate following Commencement at the Radisson Star Plaza Theater.



**Varsity Softball** Row 1: Jennifer Webster, Erin Price, Justine Wojcik, Betsy Lucas. Row 2: Beth Scheffer, Deanna Goodman, Tina Owen, Natalie Martin, Ashley Dobis, Kelly Preuss, Randi Guernsey, Hsin Chiang. Row 3: Coach Amy Frink, Manager Ricki Holtz, Carol Holtz, Jaci Visuue, Leslie Malerich, Julie Hoover, Jamie Modrak, Coach Bob Bergeson, Teresa Procter.



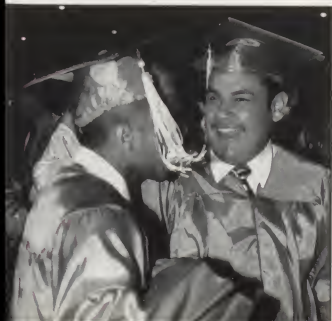
**Girls' Tennis** Row 1: Amanda Diehl, Blythe Bertolo, Sarah Jurisa, Jennifer Ramirez, Cassidy Pruitt, Sandy Skratsky. Row 2: Elizabeth Bobos, Ashley Cak, Leslie Mackoviak, Cheryl Emmett, Camille Campos, Kristina Gros, Sevia Vazanella. Row 3: Coach Doc Levenson, Danielle Moore, Amanda Valse, Janice Mylar, Kim Lux, Renee Reyes, Radhika Dave, Deme Stath, Coach Dave Zimmerman, Coach Swanson.



**Boys' Track and Field** Row 1: Nick Gonzalez, Ron Reid, T.J. Roberts, John Poling, Jose Venegas, Dan Nicksch, Troy Sutton, Rob Dowdy, Alonzo Booker, Ron Bolden, Nate Lacey, Jason Mc Gee. Row 2: Rob Wojcik, Kendall Martin, Rob Hemphill, Ralph Williams, Rob Prentoski, Nick Porzuczek, Derek Floyd, Moris Bankston, Julian Anaya, Bret Romo, Ron Glaze, Fred Buck, Aaron Craft, Sean Tomandi, Eddie Roman, Nik Ristevski. Row 3: Coach Brian Hulse, Coach Jim Johnston, Don Hennessy, Justin Adams, Austin Floyd, Andy Byron, Jon Bassett, Montrell Person, Jermell Feagin, Billy Dimovski, Demetrius Clark, Ray Kellman, Chris Gough, Sasha Stracke, Sasho Dimovski, Coach Jeff Clinkenbeard, Coach Mike Hoffman.



**Girls' Track and Field** Row 1: Renee Ramos, Lindsey Krumrie, Erin Mc Gee, Aimee Ruder, Colleen Harstad, Lynne Jones, Schenell Mc Clendon, Julie Arambula, Natalie Lindsey, Lisa Fastero, Linda Hinojosa, Rebecca Bosch. Row 2: Megan Skrupa, Maria Toledo, Kristi Merest, Malakhia Joyner, Aubrey Fairbairn, La'oya Mc Gee, Amy Pivovarsnik, Kelly Bowen, Kortina Gates, Krystle Jones, Armalita Murr, Jolan Dawson, Amy Petrich, Christie Kamaneroff, Jaci Boyer, Jennifer Arambula, Katie Dyer, Lisa Fenko. Row 3: Coach Chris Fields, Coach Ryan Pitcock, Tara Mayersky, Dana Gombas, Nicole Tomko, Melissa Plutka, Courtney Parsons, Shannon Houck, Kim Krizman, Angie Austin, Alaina Fasel, Ebony Pace, Ashlee Coleman, Eryn Van Lon, Kelley Sullivan, Heather Oaks, Coach Phil Hey, Coach Joe Atria.



Prom-goers hop back into cars and limos as they prepare for the police escort from the Grand March in the Hall of Flags to St. Elijah's Serbian Hall where the rest of prom's festivities await.







## a **SURPRISE** in every **DIRECTION**

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Tony Lux congratulates Jon Bassett as he awards him his diploma. Seniors took finals on the morning of Graduation Day and checked out of school the next morning while undergrads finished their final exams.

This was a year of **SURPRISES**. Long established activities like the powder puff game gave way to a class games competition.

We **SURPRISED** ourselves as we adapted to the lack of a daily homeroom. Although some students did tardy out of their first period class, a **SURPRISING** number did not.

None of us expected a week off of school while storms knocked out power, heat, and cable service. Unfortunately, we weren't **SURPRISED** when the state Department of Education said we had to make it up.

Some were **SURPRISED** when Principal Forrest Rhode announced he would retire at the end of the year. Yet we met our new principal Evelyn Ennsman in May.

We ended the year with a messed up finals schedule courtesy of our impromptu winter vacation. Seniors had to take finals on Graduation Day and come back the next morning to sign out. We shouldn't have been **SURPRISED**. This was the second straight year that making up snow days interfered with the last days of school.

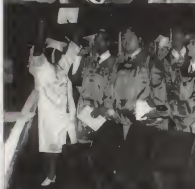
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## A SURPRISE IN EVERY DIRECTION

The year came to an end and surprises appeared and left many tears of gladness and sadness. People used their talents to make a year of fun-filled excitement and a surprise for the future.

We did it! Freddie Buck and Demetrius Clark show their excitement after finishing and winning a race at Sectionals. The 4 by 4 relay team made it all the way to state.

All Right... We've finally made it! LaTonzia Adams jumps up after the turning of the tassels and the announcement that the Class of '98 is MHS's newest alumni.



I Got it... Doubles partners Danielle Moore and Deme Stath make sure the ball gets back over the net. This doubles team worked its way to state where they placed second.

Lunch Time... Laurie Owen enjoys her last year of lunch in the cafeteria. As a senior, Owen will not see the changes that are being made to the cafeteria over the summer.



Fore... P.J. Montoleone sets up the next shot by crouching down to see if it is aligned. Montoleone's great golfing got him a longer season by making it through Sectionals.



"I feel Pretty" sings Tia Krooswyk at two of the four performances. Krooswyk played the co-lead part of Maria for the musical West Side Story. Behind her are skeptical friends singing about her sudden confidence.



"Let's dance the last dance..." April Connolly and Ryan Jezuit hold each other close during a slow song at prom.

Choo.. Choo. Even administrators have fun; just ask their daughters. Dr. Tony Lux, Mike Berta and Dave Templin follow the lead of their daughters to have loads of fun at Mommy-Daddy Date night.







the 1990s, the number of people with a mental health problem has increased by 50% (Mental Health Act 1983, 1990).

There is a growing awareness of the need to improve the lives of people with mental health problems. The Department of Health (1994) has set out a vision of a new mental health service, one that is more effective, more efficient, more humane and more responsive to the needs of the community. The vision is based on the principles of recovery, self-help, self-reliance, self-respect, self-fulfilment and self-empowerment. The vision is based on the belief that people with mental health problems can lead a full and meaningful life, and that they should be given the opportunity to do so.

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